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April 25rd, 1907.

Mrs. Robert Stuart,

4368 Lindell Boulevard,

St. Louis, Mo.

My dear Mrs. Stuart:

I think we have found just the man for you. I had no idea [illegible] think of accepting the place, until I heard from him yesterday that [illegible] do so. I refer to Mr. B. A. Satterwhite of Louisville, Ky., a gradu[illegible] Princeton University who is now in the Union Theological Seminary. [illegible] white is one of the finest and most attractive fellows I know. [illegible] to come out to St. Louis to talk the matter over with you. He [illegible] New York on Monday.

His suggestion is that you do not say anything to your son [illegible] him, but he would come to take dinner with you while in St. Louis [illegible] of getting on such terms with your son, socially, just as a guest and [illegible] might not be possible if your son thought of him as a prospective [illegible] on these terms, it would be easy for him to go on on this basis. [illegible] that if you can get Mr. Satterwhite that you will have great cause [illegible] giving.

Will you please telegraph him on receipt of this letter, [illegible] would like him to [illegible] address him [illegible], New York City. He will bring a letter from Dr. Knox with him, [illegible] that when you see him you will be entirely satisfied.

I would think that the best [illegible] for [illegible] to be at [illegible] this Summer would be at the Student's Conference, which begins [illegible]

April 22nd, 1907.

Miss M. S. Creighton,

Engelwood, N. J.

My dear Miss Creighton:

Your kind note was received yesterday. I should be very glad to speak to the girls Sunday evening, June 2nd. That is the only Sunday I have disengaged for the next two or three months.

Very cordially yours,

Wm. Hubert Stuart - 1.

Class of July 7th.

Very cordially yours,

April 27th, 1899.

The Rev. H. S. Buehler,

Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Mr. Buehler:

Your very kind note of yesterday is just received. I shall come up on the 3.23 on Saturday, reaching Lakeville 6. 20. [illegible], [illegible] Speer will feel that she can come up with me and leave the children, or bring the children, involving the loss of Monday morning at school for both of them. Unless I telegraph on Saturday or write on Friday, I shall not bring them up.

Looking forward with much pleasure to being at Hotchkiss again, and having the Sunday with you and Mrs. Buehler, I am

Your sincere friend,

Direct April 28th.

April 23rd, 1927.

Dr. Samuel M. Zwemer,

3 West 29th Street,

New York City.

My dear Sam:

Your good note of yesterday is just received, and I am forwarding it to the missionary in India.

I expect to be here on May 9th. Although I have appointments for the morning and the latter part of the afternoon, I think I have none for the early afternoon. Come in whenever you can. It will be a joy to see you.

Very affectionately yours,

April 24th, 1907.

The Rev. David R. Gordon,

Guerdaspur,

Punjab, North India.

My dear Mr. Gordon:

Your postal card of February 20th, making enquiry regarding the statement of Mohammed quoted in my address at Nashville, has been received. The statement is not in the Koran but is in the Traditions, which the Mohammedans in Arabia hold to as fast as to the Koran. My authority was Dr. Zwemer's little book, "The Moslem Doctrine of God." Since receiving your card, I have written to Dr. Zwemer about the matter and enclose herewith his reply.

With best wishes for God's blessing on all your work, I am

Very sincerely yours,

1 enclosure.

April 24th, 1907.

Mr. Ralph G. Hartley,

Nyack, New York.

My dear Mr. Hartley:

I have a very kind letter from Mrs. H. C. Parker of Halifax, speaking of you and of your thought of perhaps leaving the ministry and entering business or law. She suggests the possibility of your taking up Young Men's Christian Association work, which might offer a sphere in which you could work out some of the problems that you feel, and I have written to Mr. C. J. Hicks, one of the Secretaries of the International Committee, asking him to write to you, as I have myself no direct connection with the work of the Y. M. C. A. If, however, I could be of any service to you in any way, in talking over with you your problems, I should be very glad indeed if you would come in and see me here, or come down to see me some evening at my home in Engelwood.

If you wish to do so, I should think we would have no difficulty in making an appointment.

Very sincerely yours,

April 24th, 1907.

Dr. James H. Canfield,
Columbia University Library,
Columbia University, New York City.

My dear Dr. Canfield:-

Your very kind note of April 19th has been received.

Please do not let the matter rest on your mind for one moment. I hope that you may get a good rest, and with deepest sympathy with you in your sorrow, I am

Very cordially yours,

Philip G. Hamerton

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April 24th, 1907.

Mrs. H. C. Parker,

Ladies' College,

Halifax, N. S., CANADA.

Dear Mrs. Parker:

Your very interesting note regarding Mr. Ralph G. Hartley has been received. I am passing the matter into the hands of the Secretaries of the International Committee of the Y. M. C. A., and trust that they may be able to enlist Mr. Hartley in their work. I agree with you that it is a pity to have such men as he turn aside from distinctively Christian work.

Very cordially yours,

April 23rd, 1907.

Miss Marie Remington Wing,

Radnor Hall,

Bryn Mawr, PA.

My dear Miss Wing:

I wish I could accept your very kind invitation for May 3rd, but I already have engagements filling that whole week and cannot have the pleasure of coming over. I like the idea of the Conference very much, and trust it may be very helpful.

Very cordially yours,

April 24th, 1907.

Mr. C. J. Hicks,

[illegible] West 29th Street,

New York City.

My dear Mr. Hicks:

The enclosed letter from Canada was evidently sent to me under the impression that I was connected [illegible] Committee, and I am writing Mrs. Parker that I would turn the letter over to the Secretaries of the Committee and feel sure that the matter will be taken up at once. I trust that the young man, if he is a good strong man, may be kept in Christian work.

Very [illegible] yours,

[illegible]

April 24th, 1907.

Mr. G. G. Herring,

Y. M. C. A.,

Bellevue, PA.

Dear Sir:

I am sorry that it will not be possible for me to accept your kind invitation to help you in your building canvas. I have already as many engagements as I can hope to fill this Spring.

Very cordially yours,

April 24th, 1907.

The Rev. Boudinot Seeley, Jr.,

4821 Germantown Avenue,

Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Seeley:

Your kind note of yesterday is at hand. I shall very surely be in the far West in October, attending Synod meetings. I cannot tell as yet what it may be possible to do in November, but I shall be glad to keep your note on hand, and a little later, when I make up my schedule for the Fall, shall be glad to let you know whether it will be possible to come to the Wakefield Church for November 21st.

Very cordially yours,

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April 25th, 1907.

The Rev. Ralph T. Fulton,

Oakes, N. Dakota.

My dear Mr. Fulton:-

I delayed answering your note of April 17th until to-day because I knew that I was to spend yesterday in the house of a friend where the lines about which you enquire are hanging on the guest-room wall. My friend did not know who the author was, as the name was not given, and she did not know where the verses could be obtained.

I have made inquiries at Revell's and the Presbyterian Board of Publication here, and they say they have no knowledge whatever of the verses.

Very cordially yours,

[illegible]

Dictated Mar. 15th.

April 26th, 1907.

Mr. P. A. Elsesser,

York, Pa.

My dear Mr. Elsesser:-

Your kind note of yesterday is just received. I am afraid the prospect of my getting to York in the future is not much more hopeful than my coming this spring. The number of Sundays in the year is not very great, and I find it is not nearly enough to enable me to do all that presses to be done.

Very sincerely yours,

April 26th, 1907.

Mr. M. Brandon.
Ohio State Journal,
Columbus, O.

Dear Sir:-

Your note of April 22nd has been received. I must ask to be excused, however, from furnishing the material requested.

I notice that your letter is addressed to me as a minister, but I am only a layman.

Very truly yours,

April 27th, 1907.

Mr. Nathan Wilbur Helm,

Exeter, N. H.

My dear Mr. Helm:-

Your kind note of yesterday has just been received.

I cannot come up to Exeter September 15th, and I do not know yet just how my work for the year will shape itself, but I shall hope to be able to get to that matter, with sufficient information to settle it, some time in July, and I shall let you know then if it is going to be possible for me to go up to Exeter for any Sunday during the year.

With kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,

April 27th, 1907.

The Rev. F. W. Hinitt, Ph.D.,

Danville, Ky.

My dear Dr. Hinitt:-

Your kind note of the 23rd is just received.

I know very well of the connection to which you refer. The difficulty is that it gets me to Lake Geneva too late for my morning appointment there on Sunday, the 19th. I am expected there for the two platform meetings on the mornings of the 19th and 20th; so that to accept the invitation from Kentucky would cut my service at Geneva in two. If the College Department of the Y.M.C.A. approves of this, I shall be very glad indeed to stop off; otherwise, I must hold myself to my engagement to them.

I shall refer the matter to Mr. Anderson.

Very cordially yours,

April 27th, 1907.

Mr. H. P. Anderson,

5 West 29th Street, City.

My dear Mr. Anderson:-

I have received a number of letters from Kentucky, the last from President Hinitt, of the University of Danville, with reference to my stopping off to speak at their Kentucky Student Conference at Danville, on June 18th.

I have told them that I could not do this and keep my appointment with you at Lake Geneva, if you were expecting me for the platform meeting on the morning of June 18th, as I supposed you were; and that I could only refer the matter to you, and will stop off at Danville or go straight through to Geneva, as your Committee desired.

Very cordially yours,

April 27th, 1907.

The Rev. George H. Gillespie,

Coatesville, Pa.

My dear George:-

I did not know that Harold Pierce was in the Bryn Mawr church; he used to be in Charlie Erdman's church in Germantown. I believe he did move to Haverford, however, and may be connected now with the church in Bryn Mawr. I hesitate to write to him unless it is certain that he is in that church. If I find out, I will drop him a line. Meanwhile, I shall send a note to Erdman, as you suggest.

Have you heard anything from either Morristown or Bloomfield?

Ever your friend,

April 27th, 1907.

Prof. Chas. R. Erdman,

Princeton, N. J.

My dear Charlie:-

I presume the Bryn Mawr people will consult you with reference to a successor to Dr.Miller.

I should like to suggest the name of George Gillespie, whom you know and who is now at Coatesville. He was a schoolmate of mine in college and was in the Seminary when you were there. He has done admirable work in his various charges, and I think is ready to take a more important charge even than that which he has now at Coatesville. You know him so well that there is no need of my adding anything. I believe in him thoroughly, and feel confident that he will be an admirable man for the Bryn Mawr church or any of our important suburban churches.

Very affectionately yours,

April 26th, 1907.

Miss Elizabeth Hanson,
2401 Clifton Ave.,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Miss Hanson:-

The headquarters of the White Cross Society are at 409 West 23rd Street. It is connected with the American Charity Alliance.

I notice that the rules of the organization, known as the White Cross League I believe, are printed on the program of the Mission Band of the Hill School, Pottstown, Pa. You could get a copy of that from Mrs. John Meigs, Pottstown, Pa.

Very sincerely yours,

April 25th, 1907.

Mr. Charles B. Given,

Livingstone, Ky.

My dear Charles:-

The headquarters of the White Cross Society are at 400 West 23rd Street. It is connected with the American Charity Alliance.

I notice that the rules of the organization, known as the White Cross League I believe, are printed on the program of the Mission Band of the Hill School, Pottstown, Pa. You could get a copy of that from Mrs. John Moigs, Pottstown, Pa.

Very sincerely yours,

April 30th, 1907.

Miss M. K. Hassager,

3348 Walnut Street,

Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Miss Hassager:

I am so glad that you did not change your plan as to your time of sailing, and that we may look forward to having you with us in Englewood next Sunday. I hope that you will send me your New York address for the days before your steamer sails. I will be going out to Engelwood late Saturday afternoon, May 4th, and if you can let me know your New York address I could either call for you or arrange to meet you at the Railroad Station going to Engelwood. I am hoping to see Mr. Trumbull to-day, as he is here in New York.

I am going to venture to enclose two little pamphlets which you may be interested to put in your pocket and read on the train coming over.

I hope that these last days before you sail may not be too busy and tiresome.

Very cordially yours,

2 Enclosures.

Dictated April 27th.

April 29th, 1907.

Mr. W. R. Moody,

East Northfield, MASS.

My dear Will:

I started to draw up a list of books in reply to your correspondent's request, but it is no small job. The second and third questions are questions which I think lay to much of your correspondent's responsibility for thinking on others.

It occurred to me, after I began to prepare a list of my own, that there must be such a list in existence, so I wrote to the librarians of Princeton and Union Seminaries and have received a list from Princeton Seminary which I enclose. I see that it was prepared in April, 1896, and that only two volumes published since that time have been included, and it is prepared, also, from the Princeton Seminary point of view. I had hoped to have a Union Seminary list which could be set side by side with it. Union Seminary has no such list, however, and I have written to the Religious Educational Association asking them for one. I wrote, also, to the Librarian of Columbia University who is a friend of mine, but he is unable to prepare one at present. My list contained less exegesis and dogmatics and ecclesiastics than the Princeton list, and more general books, as well as more books dealing with present-day, vital problems and apologetics.

If you think it is really worth while to take time and go on preparing the list, I shall be glad to complete it, but I assure you it is no small undertaking and I should want my list revised by several friends.

Perhaps, however, the enclosed list will meet the purposes of your enquirer, together with whatever answer I may get from the Religious Educational

Association, which I will forward to you.

I ought to say, with reference to Mr. Dulles's list that Mr. Dulles calls it "somewhat antiquated." Perhaps this enquiry will stir him up to prepare another list brought down to date.

Very affectionately yours,

April 23th, 1907.

Mr. Frederick L. Colver,
"Success Magazine,"
Madison Place, New York.

My dear Mr. Colver:

I appreciate very much your kindness in including my name in the list of invited guests to the Dinner of the Periodical Publishers' Association at Albany. I wish I could go, but I have to be at the General Assembly at that time and must give it up.

Very cordially yours,

April 25th, 1907.

President Guy Potter Benton,

Oxford, OHIO.

My Dear President Benton:

Your kind note of April 22nd came while I was away from New York. My visit to Delaware last Winter was not for the purpose of one or two addresses, but for a regular series of lectures in their Merrick course. About once in every two years, I have found it possible to accept some such invitation, and to combine in this way a lecture course with the preparation of material for a book. I am afraid that if it had not been in that connection, it would not have been possible for me to get to Delaware, and even as it was, I was there in combination with the Convention of the Theological Seminary Young Men's Christian Association.

If I find it possible, at any time during the year to get to Oxford, I shall be glad to let you know, but I am sorry it is not possible now to promise to come out specially for a day.

Very sincerely yours,

April 27th, 1907.

Mr. John R. Mott,

3 West 29th Street,

New York City.

My dear Mott:

It will not be many days now before you will be at home again, and I want to have this note waiting for you when you come.

I hope that you will have found Mrs. Mott and your little new daughter well, and Mrs. Speer and I send our warmest congratulations. It will be good to see you soon and to hear about your trip, and to talk over many things.

There is one very serious matter which needs to be at once reported to you, which you will find described in the enclosed. Dr. Atterbury was confident that it was not for him, and sent it to me thinking that I might know who was meant. I forwarded it to Dr. Stevenson, telling him that I was sure that it was he or you, and that I thought the right thing would be to have your pictures taken together, holding one another's hand. Dr. Stevenson shows a very unfortunate timidity in the matter, however, and suggests that it go back to Dr. Atterbury. I think this would not be right, however, until it would first have gone to you, as you are surely to be in this wonderful collection.

Very affectionately yours,

April 20th., 1901.

Miss Amelia Lidney Shackford,

South Hadley, MASS.,

My dear Miss Shackford:

Your kind note of April 10th has been received and also a note from President Woolley to the same effect. I am sorry to have to say that I have had to write to her that I could not promise to come for the 2nd Sunday in February, and doubt whether, if the matter is held open, I shall find it possible later to come down. I could not possibly come either then or at any time for so long a period as you suggest in your letter.

I hope that the work of the year is going forward well.

Very cordially yours,

April 27th, 1907.

Mr. Joseph H. Shenstone,

[illegible] Talbot Road,

[illegible], Canada.

Dear Mr. Shenstone:

Your kind note of April 23nd, with its enclosed check for Twenty Dollars toward my expenses on my recent visit to Toronto, has been received.

I am very grateful to you for your kind thoughtfulness.

Very [illegible]rely yours,

April 27th, 1907.

Mr. William [illegible]. Scott,

Germantown,

Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Scott:

I have read, with the greatest interest, your biographical study of the Epistle to the Galatians which I received the other day, I presume from you, and for which I am very grateful. How much more interesting our Church Prayer Meetings would be if there were more such studies made for them!

Very cordially yours,

April 29th, 1907.

Mr. Henry E. Gregory,

106 West 27th Street,

New York City.

Dear Mr. Gregory:

I am not sure whether I shall be able to attend the meeting of the " A-I and D" meeting next Friday afternoon or not, but if I can make it possible, I shall be present. If not, will you kindly present my [illegible]

Very sincerely yours,

April 29th, 1907.

Miss Marianne A. Hirst,

14 Homer Street,

New Bedford, MASS.

My dear Miss Hirst:

I am very grateful to you and your brother for the beautiful specimen of the Korean tiger. I prize it very highly.

My small boy of eight, who says he is going to Princeton, [illegible] other Asiatic curios.

Very cordially yours,

April 29th, 1907.

The Rev. William Adams Brown, D.D.,

[illegible] Park Avenue,

New York City.

My dear Dr. Brown:

I am very grateful for your kind suggestions with reference to books. In answer to the question of Mr. Moody's correspondent, I shall write on the Religious Educational Association.

Very cordially yours,

April 29th, 1907.

Mr. Paul D. Moody,

East Northfield, Mass.

My dear Paul:

I shall be very glad to review "Clark of the Punjab." I should be glad to review, also, Sir Charles Elliott's "Letters from the Far East," published by Longmans, Green and Company.

I enclose herewith a couple of reviews.

With kind regards to Mrs. Moody and yourself, I am

Your sincere friend,

Enclosures.

April 29th, 1907.

Miss Mary E. Woolley,

Mount Holyoke College,

South Hadley, MASS.

My dear President Woolley:

Your kind note of April 22nd has been received. I wish I could accept your invitation, but I do not know whether it will be possible to do so. If I have to answer now, I am sorry to say that it must be in the negative, and as I look forward to what will have to be done, I doubt whether later it will be possible to send any different answer. I should be very glad to come up if it were possible for me to do so. I think, however, that it would be better for you to make other arrangements in order to have the matter definitely settled.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

April 29th, 1907.

Mr. Frazer G. Marshall,
New Glasgow,
Nova Scotia, Canada.

My dear Mr. Marshall:-

I wish I could accept your kind invitation for next October, but it will not be possible for me to do so.

That is the month in which our Synods meet, and I shall be occupied in attending those meetings. Even if I were to be back by the end of October, I should not be able to take the time which would be required for the most attractive work which you propose.

Very cordially yours,

April 29th, 1907.

Mr. Albert S. Johnstone,

Blacksburg, Va.

My dear Mr. Johnstone:-

Your good letter of April 23rd has been received, and I can well understand your perplexity.

It is a perplexity which every man who is capable of doing anything has to face when he interrupts his course of preparation for his life work. The only men who have no difficulty in interrupting their course and then coming back and resuming it are the men who cannot do the work which they try to do efficiently enough to lead others to press upon them continuance in it. As you find it hard now to break away and resume your preparatory work, you will find it harder a year from now. All the arguments pressed upon you now will be pressed with greater strength then, and still greater strength two years from now. I believe it is often well for a man to make a break between his college and his seminary course; but unless there is some special reason for it in the way of unusual opportunities for self-development and equipment, as well as for actual work, or unless he needs to stay out for financial reasons--I do not believe it is well for him to make a break of more than one or two years.

As to the kind of work to take up in the foreign field, I would not advise medicine unless most strongly drawn to it and unless medicine was the one profession which I should wish to follow if detained in the United States. Medical missionaries are very useful, but medicine is a heavy method and many a man is over-burdened by it. Unless he has a very special fitness and taste for it and lacks fitness and taste for other

work, I would not advise him to choose medicine. I enclose a little leaflet on the subject that may be helpful to you.

As between the Association work and the ministry, I would not hesitate. I believe that in certain fields the Association work is very useful and offers to young men a large field, but for my own part I would not choose it. It is too much specialized, it seems to me. It contains limitations which shut in on a man just when he comes to the age when he ought to be beginning his best work; and I see little that a man can do in that work that he could not do in the ministry, with a great deal besides possible in the latter.

Whether you ought to spend one more year in your present p position, or not, I cannot say; but I certainly would not spend more than that, and then I would go straight on through the remaining years of preparation for the foreign field without further delay at home.

Perhaps I have answered your questions with too much positiveness, but I have spoken with perfect candor.

Praying that you may be, as I know you will be, guided from on High, I am

Very cordially yours,

April 30th, 1907.

The Religious Educational Association,

University of Chicago,

Chicago, ILL.

Dear Sirs:

I received, not long ago, the following letter from Mr. W. M. Moody of East Northfield, Mass.;

"I am leaving home for an indefinite period, and as I leave I am in receipt of a letter from a young minister, asking three questions; namely, 'What one hundred books would you recommend, exclusive of those strictly denominational, that should be in a minister's working library ?

Second; 'What ten books should a young minister read during the first year out of the seminary; during the second year out of the seminary; during the third year out of the seminary?

Third: What ten books should a young minister buy and read during the year 1907?'

I should be very grateful indeed for any light that you may be willing to give us on these three questions. I realize that they are important, and your advice would be prized by a very large number of men. I know you will pardon my dictated note as I am leaving home, and if not asking too much, if you willbe willing to answer one or all of these questions, I should be very grateful to you. Your close contact with young ministers would, I am sure, make your advice invaluable."

I wrote to the librarians of Princeton and Union Theological Seminaries, thinking that they might have such lists of books already prepared. The Princeton Library had one, although a little out of date. Dr. Williams Adams Brown of the Union replied that they had nothing, but that he thought that your Association would have such a list of one hundred books.

If so, will you kindly send me a copy ?

Very sincerely yours,

May 1st, 1907.

Mr. J. M. Montgomery,
102 Front Street,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Montgomery:

I have been away from home the last few days, or I should have answered your note earlier. I am afraid I shall have to be content with the fifteen feet (15 ft.) on the Walnut Street line, which will give only thirteen (13) or fourteen (14) feet in the rear of the line.

Very sincerely yours,

May 1st, 1907.

Mr. Frederick N. Smith,
Murray-Dodge Hall,
Princeton, N. J.

My dear Mr. Smith:-

I am afraid I shall not be able to get off to-morrow afternoon until the five o'clock train, which I hope may not be late. I shall have to come back to New York immediately after the meeting.

Very sincerely yours,

New York, May 3, 1907.

Miss C. K. Hassager,

c/o Mrs. Anders Oye,

591 Park Ave., City.

My Dear Miss Hassager:-

My small boy, who will be in town with me to-morrow, and I will call for you at 591 Park Ave. about 5 o'clock. We may be a little before or a little after 5.

Very cordially yours,

Robt. Cuyler

May 3rd, 1907.

The Rev. Paul Moore Strayer,

Rochester, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Strayer:-

Your kind note of the 27th is received.

I have not received, I think, any invitation as yet to the Central New York Volunteer Convention in Rochester, and I doubt very much whether it will be possible for me to get up to Rochester for either of the two Sundays you mention. I have already in hand more invitations for Sundays in November than there are Sundays in the month, and some of these I shall have to accept because of the special circumstances. The situation is a little worse this year than usual because we shall have in October a larger number of Synods to visit than ever because of our union with the Cumberland Church.

I shall be glad to keep your kind letter at hand; and if I find later, in making out the schedule for the fall and winter, that it is possible to come up in November, I shall be glad to let you know.

Very sincerely yours,

May 31st 1907.

The Rev. Edward B. Turner,
c/o Mr. W. M. Hartshorne,
221 COlumbus Ave., Boston, Mass.

My dear Turner:-

I was very sorry to miss you when you were here last month, and hope to see you if you pass through New York on your return.

The only mail that has come for you was a paper from Auburn, which arrived too late to forward to you before you sailed and which I ventured to open for you, feeling sure that there was probably something marked in it which was all that you would want. I enclose herewith the marked clipping.

I hope you may have a fine time in Rome, and with kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

May 2nd, 1907.

The Rev.F. W. Hinitt, Ph.D.,

Danville, Ky.

My dear Dr.Hinitt:-

I have just heard from Mr.Anderson to the effect that I am expected at Lake Geneva on the morning of June 19th, at eleven o'clock, and that the Committee having the summer student conferences in charge is reluctantly compelled to say that it cannot relinquish me from that appointment.

I am very sorry to have to send this word, as I should have been glad to stop off if the other engagements had permitted.

If you wish to take the matter up with Mr.Andersen, I have no objections.

Very sincerely yours,

May 2nd, 1907.

Mrs. John Meigs,

Pottstown, PA.

My dear Mrs. John:-

The following was the passage from Ruskin's "Lecture on War", delivered at the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, which I quoted the last Sunday I was at the Hill:-

"And now remember you soldier youths who are thus in all ways the hope of your country: or must be if she have any hope: remember that your future for all future trust depends upon what you are now. No good soldier in his old age was ever careless or indolent in his youth. I challenge you in all history to find a record of a good soldier who was not grave and earnest in his youth, and in general I have no patience with people who talk about the thoughtlessness of youth indulgently. I had infinitely rather hear of thoughtless old age and the indulgence due to it. When a man has done his work and nothing can any way be materially altered in his fate, let him forget his toil and jest with his fate if he will: but what excuse can you find for wilfulness of thought, at the very time when every crisis of future fortune hangs on your decisions? A youth thoughtless! when all the happiness of his home forever depends on the chances or the passions of an hour! A youth thoughtless! when the cares of all his days depends on the opportunity of a moment! A youth thoughtless! when his every act is a foundation or stone of future conduct and every imagination a foundation of life or death! Be thoughtless in age, after years rather than now.-tho' indeed there is only one place where a man may be nobly thoughtless, his deathbed. No thinking should ever be left to be done there."

With much love from Emma and myself, and the hope that you are getting better word from Professor, I am

Ever your friend,

May 2nd, 1907.

The Rev. H. G. Beuhler,

Lakeville, Ct.

My dear Mr.Beuhler:-

Your kind note, with the enclosed check, was received this morning. Thank you very much for your kindness, and also for the dates. I will let you know as soon as it is possible to decide anything definitely for next year.

The little pamphlets of which I spoke to you are published by E.P.Dutton, and are known as the "Children's Heroes Series", edited by John Lang.

Mrs.Speer and I are looking forward with great pleasure to the promised visit from you and Mrs. Beuhler the first Sunday in June.

Very affectionately yours,

Dictated May 1st.

May 2nd, 1907.

Principal D. J. Waller, Jr.,

Bloomsburg, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

I wish I could accept your kind invitation for either June 23rd or 26th, but am very sorry to have to say that I have already other appointments which will make it impossible for me to come to Bloomsburg for either of these days.

Thanking you heartily for your kind invitation, I am

Very truly yours,

May 2nd, 1907.

Mr. C. G. Trumbull,
1031 Walnut Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Charlie:-

I should think it would be better for you to reply to the enclosed letter, unless you have some editorial correspondent who is a veteran of the civil war on the Union side, who could reply. How I wish your father were alive to do it.

It was so good to see you, if only for a little while, last Saturday.

I have finished the editorial on "God's Forgetfulness", and shall hope to send it to you this week.

I enclose two editorial notes, in case you care for them.

Very affectionately yours,

New York, N.Y., May 3, 1907.

Mr. John H. Converse,

500 North Broad Street,

Philadelphia, Pa.

My Dear Mr. Converse:-

Your kind note of yesterday is just received. I wish I could accept your invitation, but June 16th I have to be in Asheville, N.C., and June 23rd at Niagara on the Lake, Ontario.

We have all lamented with you the death of Dr. Miller and trust that a man of the same spirit and devotion may be found to succeed him.

With sincere regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

New York, N.Y., May 3, 1907.

Mr. William J. Hand,

Scranton, Pa.,

Dear Mr. Hand:-

I am sorry to say I do not know a man who might be available for three or four months work at the Cedar Ave. Mission. I should think that the most likely way to get a young man would be to write at once to one or two of the Theological Seminaries in the hope of getting a good man from one of the graduating classes. The Rev Chas. R. Erdman would be the best man to write to, Princeton.

I know some young men already in the ministry who might be led to leave the work they are doing for the sake of larger opportunities, but I should think you would be more likely to get a satisfactory man by drawing at once on the fresh supply from the Seminaries.

If I hear of any one who might be available and acceptable I shall let you know.

Very sincerely yours,

May 7th, 1907.

The Rev. O. S. Kriebel, A.M.,

Pennsburg, Pa.

My dear Mr. Kriebel:-

Your very kind letter of May 2nd has been received, and I should be delighted to come to Pennsburg, if it is practicable to do so.

The only other Sundays this year, however, that I shall be at Pottstown are May 12th and June 9th, andneither of those dates is among the dates mentioned by you as unprovided for. If either of these Sunday evenings you wish me to come, and Pennsburg is not so far away that I could not get there without using railroad trains after my last meeting at Pottstown, which is ever before six o'clock, I should be very glad indeed to come.

It is certainly a remarkable showing which your men have made at Princeton. I was glad to have an opportunity of looking it over.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated May 6th.

May 9th, 1907.

Prof. E. R. Wagnens,

Princeton, N. J.

My dear Prof.Wagnens:-

Your very kind note of April 23rd, in reply to my letter to President Wilson, has been received. I am sorry the letter was not signed, and doubly so because it is the second letter that has gone unsigned from my office to President Wilson this spring.

I have delayed writing in reply to your letter, as, after writing to President Wilson, I heard of a man who seemed to me would be just the man for Mrs.Stuart, and sent him out to St.Louis to see her. He was not satisfactory, however. Mrs.Stuart was very much discontented with his loose theological opinions and his lax notions as to the observance of Sunday, and various habits and practices.

I wish we had more of the kind of young men she is looking for. As you remember, we got Mr.Motter for her, and he was not satisfactory, lacking vigor and force, and being, from her point of view, a little less rigid in some of his personal habits than she liked. One can sympathize with the mother's point of view in such matters, but it is hard to get a young man with the social qualities, who, at the same time, has the Christian vigor and the manly contempt for small indulgences. I know men of the type she wants, but they are not willing to turn aside for the work of tutoring one boy.

I have written to Mrs.Stuart now, quoting what you say about Mr.Cunningham, and asking her to write or telegraph you in case she would like to have you communicate with Mr.Cunningham.

Very cordially yours,

May 9th, 1907.

Mr. Charles M. Jesup,

100 Broadway,

New York City.

My dear Mr. Jesup:

I was very much interested in the clipping enclosed in your kind note of the 7th. I think I have heard of the League, but I did not know of any of the particulars of the work or of your interesting connection with it. I trust its work may be very fruitful.

I am afraid I should be sailing under false colors with you, if I did not disclaim the title of "Reverend," which you give me. I am just an ordinary layman, but I would as leave be ordained at your hands as any !

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer

May 9th, 1907.

The Rev. W. C. Templeton,

Kirksville, MO.

My dear Mr. Templeton:

Your kind note of May 3rd has been received. I wish that I could accept your kind invitation, but I do not see how it is to be worked in. I have to be at our General Assembly in Columbus, Ohio, and must go from there straight to Macon for Sunday, May 26th. I ought to leave Macon the night of the 27th, in order to get back to New York for our Annual Conference with New Missionaries, which begins on the morning of the 29th. Even if I should be detained at Macon until Tuesday, the 28th, I do not see how it would be possible to come to Kirksville even on the 27th, as the only reason for my detention would be the necessity of my being present at a discussion over the question of the consolidation of the missionary work of the Cumberland Church and our own.

I am sorry that things seem to be tied up so, but I do not see any way out that would make it possible for me to accept your kind invitation.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer

May 9th, 1907.

Mr. C. G. Trumbull,

1051 Walnut Street,

Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Charlie:

Your good note regarding Dr. Watson was received on Monday, while I was away, and I did not get it until Tuesday. I have been too busy to do anything in the way of writing letters, and I hardly feel competent to contribute to the symposium on Dr. Watson. I did write the article for the "Sunday School Times" to which you refer, and I think you will find it in the February or March number of 1900. But to tell you the truth, I have not been one of the greatest admirers of Dr. Watson, perhaps because I have never really known him. He has seemed to me to represent a little too much of the old moderatism in religion, and the public reasons given for his withdrawal from the ministry for the more active forms of Christian work did not especially appeal to me. Perhaps you knew of the health conditions which rendered it expedient for him to lay aside active work.

In any case, I do not think that I knew enough about him to be either a critic or a eulogist. I suppose if I had ever met him and really got to know him, I would have been lifted far above all these pettinesses.

Very affectionately yours,

Arthur T. Pierson.

May 9th, 1907.

Mr. Wellington H. Tinker,
328 West 56th Street,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Tinker:

I have very high regard for Mr. Oran, and so far as my knowledge of him goes, would answer all your questions in the affirmative. He is a fine, clean-cut, straightforward fellow, and I should think he would make an admirable Financial Secretary.

Very truly yours,

May 9th, 1907.

Principal Charles C. Bragdon,
Auburndale, MASS.

Dear Sir:

I wish I could accept your kind invitation, but I have already promised to make the Baccalaureate Address for the graduating class of the Hill School at Pottstown, Va., on June 9th.

Regretting that I cannot come, I am

Very sincerely yours,

May 9th, 1907.

Mr. Earl D. Miller,

921 Witherspoon Building,

Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Miller:

I am sorry that it will not be possible for me to accept your kind invitation for June 19th to 21st. I have to be in Wisconsin on the 19th, and in Canada on the 22nd and 23rd of June.

Very sincerely yours,

Robert E. Speer.

May 9th, 1907.

Mr. H. C. Hinde,

3 West 23th Street,

New York City.

My dear Mr. Hinde:

I return herewith the proof and copy for the introduction to Dr. Trumbull's book.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer.

Enclosure.

May 9th, 1907.

Mr. Edgar White,

Macon, Mo.

Dear Sir:

Your kind note of May 6th is just received. I am sorry to have to say that I cannot comply with your request for a cut or a photograph. I have an unconquerable prejudice against any complicity in getting one's portrait in the newspapers.

Very cordially yours,

May 9th, 1907.

The Rev. C. E. Kriebel,

Hotel Hanover,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Kriebel:

Your telegram is just received. I do not know of any engagement at the Hill School for next Sunday evening that will prevent my going over to Perkiomen Seminary after the vesper service, and I shall be ready, as far as I can see, to go with you at that time.

Very sincerely yours,

May 9th, 1907.

The Rev. John Young,
Garfield, N. J.

My dear Mr. Young:

I saw Dr. Hamilton last night, and he was very anxious that, even though unable to attend all the sessions of the Assembly, I should still represent the Presbytery. I am not sure that it will be possible to do this, but perhaps I had better take the Commission with me. I sent this to Dr. Vanderbeek, but I suppose he has returned it to you. If you will kindly send it back to me, I can take it to Columbus, and if I decide that it is practicable to act as Commissioner as well as representative of the Board, I can present it.

Very cordially yours,

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May 14th, 1907.

Miss Jean Mateer,
Kenford, King County,
Washington.

My dear Jean:-

Your two letters to me and your letter to Mrs.Speer regarding Amy Morrison were all received, but I think there is no occasion for any anxiety on your part as to her health.

Mrs.Speer went to see her not long ago, calling at the hotel in Abingdon Square, which you mentioned and which Mrs.Speer found a very nice place. Miss Morrison was out, however, and Mrs.Speer has been endeavoring to arrange to have her take lunch with her. She said that Miss Morrison had been there for some weeks and had not been sick since coming there, but had been steadily at work; so that I judge whatever occasion there might have been for the anxiety expressed in your letter is passed.

The Shanghai Conference is just closing now. I have no doubt it has been a great time. I wish that I might have been there to see and listen. One advantage nowadays, however, is that one can read everything in the report afterward; only this does not give one the inspiration that there is in the personal association. I spent all this morning gathering material for an address at the General Assembly, and was interested in the many anniversary features which center in this year. It is not only the one hundredeth anniversary of Missions in China; it is also the seventieth anniversary of the founding of our Board and of the opening of our own Missions in China. It is the fiftieth anniversary

of the Indian Mutiny and the martyrdom of our missionaries on the parade ground at Cawnpore. It is just one generation since David Livingstone's body was brought home to Westminster Abbey. But every year is a year of some such great memories, and history is packed so full of worthy things that it is never difficult to find many great occasions if only one gets out to look for them. You will be interested to know that the Motts have another little daughter, born before Mr.Mott got back from his visit to Japan and China.

I hope that you are quite well and not working too hard, and that you get good word from your father. They have had wonderful times this last year in China, and we are going to have yet more wonderful times in years to come.

Mrs.Speer would want to join with me in very warm regards and best wishes for you in all things.

Your sincere friend.

Dictated May 6th.

May 14th, 1907.

Messrs. Jennings & Graham,

Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sirs:-

I have noticed a few minor errors in "The Marks of a Man", but do not have them at hand and did not think they were of any special importance. Perhaps if in the future you have to get out another edition, I may then be able to get a list of any corrections that should be made.

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated May 6th.

May 14th, 1907.

Mr. R. F. Bogardus,

149 Church Street, City.

Dear Mr. Bogardus:-

Your kind note of April 27th has been received.

I have on hand at present as much as I can well do, but it may be that sometime in the near future I can write such an article as it used to be a pleasure to write for Mr. Maynard, and if so, I shall be glad to do so and send it to you. I am very glad to hear that you are going on with his work.

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated May 6th.

May 13th, 1907.

Mrs. Sam. Caradine Stuart,
4388 Lindell Ave.,
St.Louis, Mo.

My dear Mrs.Stuart:-

I am indeed surprised and disappointed at your report of Mr.Satterwhite. I had no idea that he had drifted away, as your letter indicates, from the most ruggedly faithful ways, and shall try at the first opportunity to have a talk with him. And I am keenly disappointed that you are still without the kind of man you want. Before hearing from Mr.Satterwhite, I had written to President Wilson, of Princeton, and I have received a letter from Prof.Winans, who writes:

"The place is not an easy one to fill ideally, and ideal tutors are scarce. The best man that I can now think of--for this sort of service--is Warren W. Cunningham. He graduated last June. Was of fairly high standing, second group in his Senior Year. A well-built, attractive, sturdy fellow, thoroughly wholesome. He went out to San Rafael (near San Francisco) to teach English in an important school. He has had good success. The head desired him to stay and offered him an increase of salary. He is, however, coming East, and will take up law. As he is still young ( b 1885), I think he might take such a place for another year. His father is a Presbyterian minister, now at Yazoo City, Miss. (a graduate of this Seminary about 1879). Warren is thoroughly good and wholesome and manly. Has mechanical skill: knows an automobile thoroughly, etc. I don't know when his term closes, or whether he could anticipate getting away earlier--or indeed--whether he would consider such a proposal as this. If you see fit, I can write him. If any other good man comes to notice, I will let you know."

If you would like to find out more about Mr.Cunningham, would you write or telegraph to Prof. Winans, asking him to communicate with Mr.Cunningham for you? I shall also do what I can to find anyone else.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated May 6th.

May 14th, 1907.

Mrs. John Wolfe,

The Hill School,

Pottstown, Pa.

My Dear Mrs. John:

I have arranged with the Rev. J. MacDowell of Newark to go over Saturday evening for Sunday at the Hill. Mr. MacDowell is a graduate of Mt. Hermon and Princeton University, and I think, Princeton Seminary. He was for some years pastor in Detroit, where he was one of the most effective men in the city among all classes and he is now doing a remarkable work in Newark. Of all the graduates of Mt. Hermon, he was selected to preach the sermon on the occasion of the Anniversary last Summer. I think he is a thoroughly good man.

I believe that several years ago Professor arranged to have him come, but he was unable to go and Mr. Bailey went for his first visit to the Hill, instead.

I have given him instructions as to trains, so that I presume that he will come out on the train leaving Broad Street on the Pennsylvania, at 3.13 P. M. If you have occasion to write to him, you can reach him in care of The Park Presbyterian Church, Newark, N. J.

I leave to-night to be gone until Decoration Day.

With warm love to Professor and you, I am

Your sincere friend,

May 14th, 1907.

Professor John H. Strong,

Theological Seminary,

Rochester, New York.

My dear John:

I was delighted to receive this morning your note of the 11th, and to know that there was any prospect of your being able to come up to Diamond Pond this Summer. I earnestly hope that you may be able to arrange it. It is just the place for you, and you are just the family to come. Mr. H. C. Colman, Norristown, Pa. is the man to whom to write. He is the Proprietor of the Camp. I am writing him a note telling him not to fail to arrange for your coming.

I expect to be at the Men's Conference at Lake Geneva and at the Women's Conference at Silver Bay, and shall hope to see you at one or the other.

With warmest love, I am

Ever your friend,

May 15th,1907.

Mrs. Jean Carruthers Boatwright,
712 Church St.,
Lynchburg, Va.

My dear Mrs. ~~Carruthers~~:-

Your letter of May 10th has been received in Mr.Speer's absence at the General Assembly, but I would say in reply that it will be impossible for him to accept your kind invitation for June 4th, as that comes in the week of our Annual Conference with the Newly Appointed Missionaries, at which it is necessary for Mr.Speer to be present. He will not be in Asheville until June 14th.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Mr.Robert E.Speer.

May 15th,1907.

The Rev. Newell M. Calhoun,
Winsted, Conn.

My dear Mr. Calhoun:-

Your letter of May 14th has just been received in Mr.Speer's absence.

Upon referring to his calendar, however, I find that he already has engagements for both June 16th and 23rd, so that it will be impossible for him to accept your kind invitation for those dates.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Mr.Robert E. Speer.

May 15th, 1907.

Mr. Gerald F. Brophy, Supt.,
The Equitable Life Assurance Society,
120 Broadway, City.

Dear Sir:-

In Mr. Speer's absence, I beg to acknowledge receipt of your check for $5.83 and to thank you for the same.

Very truly yours,

Secretary to Mr. Robert E. Speer.

May 14th, 1907.

Mr. H. C. Colemen,

Norristown, Pa.

My dear Horace:

I received this morning a letter from Professor John H. Strong, of the Rochester Theological Seminary, [illegible] about Diamond Pond. I have told him to write to you and that I, also, would write a note.

He was a classmate of mine at Andover, and is one of the noblest, truest and most lovable men I know. He is married, and they have one little child. They had another little child who died last Summer. He is just the man to get for the camp. I love him as a brother, and you will, also, as soon as you come to know him.

Mrs. Speer told me of your telephoning out the other morning. I wish so much that I could see you this week, but I leave to-night for the General Assembly and shall not be back until Decoration Day. It is good to think of you as home again, and with warm love from us all, I am

Very affectionately yours,

May 14th, 1907.

Mr. C. G. Trumbull,

1031 Walnut Street,

Philadelphia, PA.

My dear Charlie:

I enclose herewith the Young People's Column copy for June 23rd. I think I have already sent you the copy for June 30th, so that this completes the work.

I am leaving this evening for the General Assembly, and shall not be back in New York until May 30th.

Very affectionately yours,

Robert E. Speer.

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May 14th, 1907.

The Misses Masters,

Dobbs Ferry, New York.

My dear Miss Masters:

Your very kind note, with the enclosed check of which I shall be glad to make use, has been received.

It was a great pleasure, as it always is, to visit the School, to meet you, and to speak to the girls.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer

May 14th, 1907.

Mrs. Alexander,

10 West 54th Street,

New York City.

My dear Mrs. Alexander:

I am sorry to have to confirm the word which Mrs. Speer sent you regarding the last two Sundays in July. Our plan is to go up to camp about the middle of July, returning the middle of August.

I know that the Rev. Robert Johnson of Montreal is a very earnest man and preacher. The Fourth Church here tried to get him, but he declined to leave his present field. He is a pretty eloquent man,-and to tell you the truth, I am just a little bit afraid of eloquent men - but I would not hesitate at all to get him if I were you and were able to do so.

Very affectionately yours,

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May 15th, 1907.

Mr. Elgin K. Sherk,
Syracuse University,
Syracuse, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Sherk:-

Your kind note with reference to the Convention in Rochester next November has been received.

I cannot say now whether it will be possible for me to come, or not. I have already more invitations for the Sundays in November than I can possibly accept, and I cannot as yet say just which ones I shall be able to take. I shall be glad to keep your letter at hand, and later, when I come to make up my schedule for the fall and winter, if I find I can come I shall let you know; but I think you ought not to delay on this account completing your program, because it is very uncertain as to whether I shall be able to come.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer

Dictated May 10th.

May 15th, 1907.

The Rev. Henry J. Keith,
Knox Presbyterian Church,
Peterborough, Ont.

My dear Mr. Keith:-

Your two good notes of May 3rd and 4th with reference to Dr.Torrence have been received.

I shall be very glad to do anything in my power to serve him and the Church. I am going to our General Assembly next week, and if I meet anyone there from the Point Breeze Church in Pittsburgh, I shall be very glad to call their attention to Dr.Torrence. The question will naturally be asked, however, as to whether there are any reasons for Dr.Torrence's inability to find a suitable field in Canada which would be objections to his call to a church in the States; and if you could write a word which would enable me to relieve any natural apprehensions on this point, I should be grateful. You speak of him as being a man well known throughout the Canadian Church, but state that "it would be very difficult to find a vacant charge to-day that he would be capable of filling". Would not the same disqualifications affect his usefulness down here?

Very cordially yours,

Robert Cowan

Dictated May 10th.

May 16th, 1907.

Mr. Victor Speer,

Mayor's Office,

Buffalo, N. Y.

My dear Vic,

I was glad to get the copy of the Hughes' Dinner program and of the Ballads which you prepared for the Chamber of Commerce Dinner. I should like to have heard them sung.

I hope that you and Anna are well. We are very well and happy in our household. I am working at home to-day, the first real spring day that we have had. Next week I have to go off to the General Assembly and shall not be back for a fortnight.

With much love to you and Anna,

Your affectionate brother,

Mr. Speer was unable to sign this letter, as he left for Columbus before it could be written.

M. Higbie.

May 16th, 1907.

Mr. George M. Hull, Jr.,

44 Wall Street, City.

My dear Mr. Hull:-

I am sorry that I have not been able to answer earlier your good letter of April 19th. I have just had in my home this past week a young Danish woman of very much the same type of character and intellectual attitude as the young girl of whom you write, and I have now unanswered two letters from a young woman in Canada, who had faith once, but whose faith has been very much weakened. There are many, many such all around us, many of them really desiring help and not knowing where to find it.

It is very hard to suggest books in such cases unless one knows the person. There is so much groping in the dark, and, oftentimes, one suggests books of a type that makes no appeal to the particular temperament which needs to be reached.

For very thoughtful men and women I know hardly any better book than Caird's "Fundamental Ideas of Christianity". It is very clear and simple, and yet there would be no use in suggesting it to some people who would not put their minds long enough on any one line of thought to follow it through; but, if the young woman of whom you speak is really thoughtful and ready to use her mind, I think this would be as good a book as any to get her to read. Perhaps a better book because simpler and more punjent and concrete would be Welsh's "In Relief of Doubt". I thinkthat probably, for the average American young man or woman, this would be better than Caird.

If, as you say, her difficulties are really fundamental intellectual difficulties, which prevent her holding even simple theistic faith, I would suggest Wm. Newton Clarke's "Can I Believe in God the Father".

With reference to books on Christianity, there are two different classes; namely, the books that approach the question from the subjective or experimental side, and those which take it up historically or from the point of view of the person and character of Christ. One class is more serviceable with some people and the other with others. The best books on the experimental or devotional side would be, I should think, for your friend, Drummond's "Ideal Life"; and of the other class, Young's "Christ of History", Bushnell's "Character of Jesus", Simpson's "The Fact of Christ". The two classes are combined in Forrest's book on "The Christ of History and of Experience".

I think Dr.Lyman Abbott would be very glad to have a talk with such a young woman and that he would be very helpful to her. If she does not go to church in New York, could you not take her sometime to Dr.Coffin's church on Madison Avenue and introduce her to Dr.Coffin afterwards, and let him make an appointment to have a good talk with her.

If I can be of any further service, please let me know.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated May 10th.

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The Rev.Anson Phelps Stokes,Jr.,
Yale University,
New Haven, Conn.

My dear Mr.Stokes:-

Your kind notes with reference to Sundays at Yale next year have been received. As far as I am able to say now, it will be possible for me to come February 9th and 16th.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated May 10th.

May 14th, 1907.

Mr. Speer regrets exceedingly that absence in the West will prevent his being present on Founders' Day at the Children's Village.

May 16th, 1907.

Mr. L. E. Hawkins,
141 Halsey Street,
Newark, N. J.

My dear Mr.Hawkins:-

Your kind note with reference to the Silver Bay meeting in August was received sometime ago. I am sorry I have not been able to give Mr.Willis a definite answer as yet, but I shall try to do so soon. I do not find it easy, however, with the disorganization of office work which always comes in August, to get off for conventions that month.

I am glad of this opportunity to call your attention to the opening for the Young Men's Christian Association in my home town of Englewood. Some years ago, the question was taken up, when Mr. F. S. Goodman, of the International Committee, came out to the public meeting which we held, but there were difficulties in the way then. Just now, however, the Englewood Club, a men's social organization, is giving up its rooms in the Lyceum & Bank Building, and going to a house of its own. These rooms would be very satisfactory rooms for an Association, and there would be no difficulty in arranging for the rent.

It seems to me to be an especially attractive opportunity and one which your Committee ought not to lose. If you have not looked into the matter, I wish you would do so. I shall be glad to be of any service to you and to have you come out and spend a night with me any time. Of course, during the day, all the men who would have to support financially the organization are in town. I would advise your coming over to New York some day to see Mr.William Dulles, 277 Broadway; Mr. George S. Coe, 18 Wall Street; Mr. Donald Mackay, 16 Nassau Street; and Mr. Frederick B. Schenck, 195

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Broadway, to speak to them about the matter.

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated May 10th.

May 16th, 1907.

President Mary E. Wooley,

South Hadley, Mass.

My dear Miss Wooley:-

I do not think there is any chance of my being able to come up for the Sunday of the day of prayer, and just at present I cannot name any other Sunday on which I could come, or even be absolutely sure that I can come for any, although, if I find it possible to do so, I shall surely accept your kind invitation.

Please do not hold open any Sundays on my account; but if in making up my schedule later for the next college year I find that I shall have any Sunday free, I shall write to you on the chance of its being an open Sunday with you.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated May 10th.

May 17th, 1907.

The Rev. John T. Faris,
1031 Walnut St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Faris:-

I am glad to append herewith a paragraph on the cigarette question. You state that what you want is statements from various men, "giving their observations of the effects on boys of the use of cigarettes". The only first-hand testimony that I can give is the brief statement below, although I have no doubt whatever of the injurious effects, both intellectual and physical.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer per F.

Apart from the intellectual and physical effects of the use of cigarettes by boys, which those who are competent to judge allege to be evil, I can testify to the bad effects on manners. I have seen many a boy and man, by nature courteous and thoughtful, who would never think of doing an ungentlemanly or rude thing intentionally, guilty nevertheless of the most heedless discourtesy and rudeness in the use of tobacco. Every morning, as I get off the suburban train in the railway station and walk down the crowded platform, I see both men and women dodging to one side or the other in order to escape the necessity of inhaling a cloud of tobacco smoke, blown over his shoulder by some smoker in front, who does not mean to be boorish, and who would never think of blowing a cloud of tobacco smoke into the face of anyone whom he was confronting, but who, with no thought whatever of the interests or feelings of others, pollutes the air which they have to breathe . Many a fine-natured boy and man has been made coarse and boorish in this one regard of ignoring the sensibilities of others in the indulgence of his habit. And it is not only in the open air that some men would rather smoke themselves than be thoughtful of the sensibilities of others.

May 17th, 1907.

Mr. Will R. Moody,

East Northfield, Mass.

My dear Will:-

I am writing this note with reference to Miss Rose Selig, who was for some years in our office and has been recently with the Kentucky Colonel Oil Company in the Metropolitan Building.

This Company is going away, however, and she will lose her position there. Moreover, I understand that she would rather have work out of the city, and had thought of the possibility of getting something at Northfield. She is, I believe, both a stenographer and a book-keeper, and I have wondered whether you will be wanting any such help, and have sent her this note to send to you, together with any letter of hers, in case she decides to apply for any work that you may have.

She is a Christian girl from a Jewish family, and has been associated with the Christodora House. Miss Jennie McKay is very much interested in her, as Mrs. Speer and I have been.

Very affectionately yours,

Robert E. Speer

Dictated May 10th.

May 17th, 1907.

Miss Rose Selig,

New York City.

My dear Miss Rose;-

I learn from both Mrs.Speer and Miss McMillan that the Kentucky Colonel Oil Company is going away and that you will lose your position there, and Miss McMillan says that you would like to go out of town to have work in the country, and suggested my writing to Northfield for you.

I therefore enclose herewith a note to Mr.Moody, which you can send with one of your own, in case you still have it in mind to get, if possible, some such position.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer

Dictated May 16th.

"NEW YORK, NOV.

Mr. Carl E. Smith,
Hillside Hall,
Nova Scotia, Canada.

My dear Mr. Smith:-

Your kind letter of May 17th has been received.

I was delighted to learn that you are going to be in the neighborhood of New York shortly. It would be a great pleasure to me if I could see you and have a good talk with you. I am afraid, however, that I shall be so busy that I cannot possibly make an appointment for the 22nd, but I should be very glad to see you at any other time that you may be in the city.

Perhaps you would like to be my guest while you are in the city. I have two spare rooms in my apartment and I should be very glad to have you if you care to come. Please let me know if it is not too much of a bother for you to come and stay with me.

Yours very truly,

Charles M. Schwab.

Enclosed has 1000.

May 16th, 1907.

The Rev. W. Douglas Adam, D. D.,
Reformed Church on the Heights,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Adam:-

Your good note, acknowledging the return of the "Mystic Book", and with it the cordial invitation which Mrs. Adam has repeated in her kind note to Mrs. Spear, was duly received, and I wish that there had been, or were now, some opportunity for us to come over.

I have been a regular vagabond for this winter and spring, and have to start off on Tuesday for the General Assembly, and then go down to Missouri, and immediately on returning have to plunge into a conference, and then go off on a long series of conventions: so that I am afraid it is not going to be possible for us to come over. If that is the case, we shall look forward duly the more eagerly to camp and the happy fellowship of those days.

You may have some people from the Mann Avenue Church in Orange, which is one of the strongest of our Presbyterian churches around New York, after you. I should not be surprised if they had already had some committees over in your church.

I hope that Mrs. Adam and Margaret are well.

With warm regards from us all,

Ever affectionately yours,

Dictated May 10th.

May 13th, 1908.

Mr. E. A. Ferris,

262 Mott St., New York City.

My dear Mr. Ferris:-

Your very kind note of April 29th was duly received. I am glad you could have Mr. White. He is a man of the true spirit.

I was deeply interested in the printed documents which you sent, and which show that you have a most wonderfully enterprising club.

With reference to the fall, I doubt very much the possibility of my coming in October, as I shall probably have to be among the Synods in the West and Southwest at that time, but when I come to make out my schedule in a month or two, I shall know whether it will be possible to come this fall, and if so, what month.

It is always a pleasure to see you or to hear from you. I shall never forget your cordial friendship when I first came to New York, and it has been a comfort all the years since.

Very faithfully yours,

Dictated May 10th.

May 16th, 1907.

Mr. George H. Ruby,

Scranton, Pa.

My dear Ruby:-

I wish I could give you an option on the third or fourth Sunday in October, but these Sundays are already covered so thick with options that I cannot see them. If I am free and available for any work on the fourth Sunday of October, I must speak in the Rector's Riverside Church in New York. I fear, however, that for that Sunday, as I am quite sure for the preceding, I shall be in the East or Southwest in connection with some of our Wheaton meetings.

Very cordially yours,

Corrected May 16th.

May 20th, 1909.

Mr. W. H. Moody,

East Northfield, Mass.

My dear Mr. Moody:-

Your letter of May 14th has been received in Mr. Spear's absence at the General Assembly. He will not return until the 30th, and if you care to write him there, his address is Cuttenden Hotel, Columbus, Ohio.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Mr. Robert M. Spear.

May 20th, 1907.

Miss Elizabeth L. Ely,

Greenwich, Ct.

My dear Miss Ely:-

I have kept your kind note of February 13th at hand, in the hope that it might be possible for me to get up to the School sometime this spring; but it has been impossible thus far, and I am leaving now for the General Assembly, and when I get back the last of this month will have appointments filling up all of June.

I am very sorry, as I should like to see the School in its new home and to speak to the girls again.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Shaw

Dictated May 11th.

May 20th, 1907.

Mr. John M. Holmes,
c/o St.Louis Car Company,
8000 No.Broadway, St.Louis, Mo.

My dear Jack:-

I have been wondering whether you have gone on to Denver, or are still in St.Louis. I hope, wherever you are, that you are better than when you wrote last; and if you are in Denver, or are going to Denver, you must not fail to go and see the Mayor, who is a cousin of mine, and introduce yourself. You can use this note to you as a letter of introduction, or, if you will let me know definitely when you go, I shall be glad to write directly to him.

I am going to be passing through St.Louis twice this month, but I do not know how much time I shall have there. I have to be at the General Assembly in Columbus, and go from there to Macon, Mo. for May 26th and 27th, so that I shall have to go through St.Louis both going and coming. If I find I have any time there, I may be able to look you up.

Very affectionately yours,

Dictated May 11th.

May 20th, 1907.

Mr. F. P. Turner,

3 West 29th Street, City.

My dear Turner:-

I did not mean to neglect your note of January 18th with reference to an article for the April number of the "Inter-Collegian", but your letter came while I was away in Mexico, and, on coming back, I lived in hope of being able to write the article for you. It was simply impossible, however, and I have not found any time since to make amends.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer

Dictated May 11th.

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May 20th, 1907.

Mr. Robert E. Gulnac,

Englewood, N. J.

My dear Mr. Gulnac:-

I wish I could accept your kind invitation for June 9th, but I have to be away that Sunday in Pennsylvania. I shall be home the preceding Sunday, but have already promised to speak that day.

Very sincerely yours,

Robert E. Speer

Dictated May 11th.

May 20th, 1907.

The Rev. Louis S. Bauman,

Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Bauman:-

I have learned, through "The Brethren Evangelist", of the great sorrow which has come to your home. Mrs. Speer and I read with deepest sympathy the story of your little boy and his going from your home here to the better home.

We know how to feel with you, for last summer one of our own little children was taken from our side. You know the comfort of God, so that all that a fellow Christian can say to you is just to assure you of his own loving sympathy with you. I know how your hearts are yearning, and how they will yearn; and the blessed thing about such sorrow is that it does not pass away, but abides with us as the constant assurance that what has gone from us will be given back again.

It is very hard for us to give up what we prize so, but we can comfort our hearts with remembering that our great loss means a great gain to those whom we have lost, and that they are secure now in far better keeping than ours. Last summer, Mr. Howard, of "The Sunday School Times", sent me a letter of his father-in-law, Dr. H. Clay Trumbull, written during the civil war when Dr. Trumbull was a prisoner in the Confederate jail, and received in prison a letter from his wife, telling of the death of a little daughter. In his letter of comfort to her, Dr. Trumbull quoted the lines of some old poem, "On the golden street her little feet will never go astray". It is good to think that little Glenn is safe in that city and is busy there, as he was busy here, about the business of his Father.

Dictated May 11th.

Very faithfully yours,

Peter Speer

May 20th, 1907.

The Rev. L. W. Gomsil,

Lutherville, Md.

My dear Mr. Gomsil:-

Your very kind letter was received some weeks ago, and I would have answered it earlier, but I had hoped to be able to look up the literature on the subject of Christ's Second Coming for you.

I do not know of any entirely satisfactory book on the subject. For my own part, I have always been inclined to the view which you quote from Mr. Spurgeon; that we must believe that our Lord will come back again, and are to be watching for him at the same time that we acknowledge our inability to plan schedules and fix details and determine times.

There is a simple little book, in paper cover, published, I think, by Revell, containing a half dozen articles on the subject of the Lord's Coming, which I think is good for popular use. One of the earliest books which I read on the subject was the Report of the Prophetic Conference, held in Chicago in 1886, published under the title of "Prophetic Studies", by Fleming H. Revell Co. I have read a number of other books, also, but I do not feel at all prepared to qualify or characterize them. I think, if I were you, I would write to the Rev. W. J. Erdman, D. D., of Germantown, Pa., or his son, Prof. Chas. R. Erdman, of Princeton, N. J., asking them to suggest the best books.

I thank you heartily for your kind reference to my own little books. As far as I have been able to go in my own study of the Second Coming, I have stated the results in a very small booklet, entitled, "The Second Coming of Christ", published by the Timons Publishing Co.,

Mr. Gosnell--2--May 20, 1907.

Chicago.

The best book on the Holy Spirit, of which I know, is Mr. James McConkey's little book, "The Three-fold Secret of the Holy Spirit", which you can get from Frederick Kelker, Harrisburg, Pa.

As for myself, I grew up in a Christian home, and have never known any such critical experiences as those of which you speak, except the experience which came while I was a student in college through the surrender of legal and political ambitions, and the choice, instead, of the missionary purpose.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated May 11th.

May 21st, 1907.

Miss L. Bell,
322 Prince Arthur St.,
Montreal, Canada.

My dear Miss Bell:-

I was very glad to receive your letter with the newspaper clippings and the frank statement of the difficulties which you are feeling.

I can sympathize with you the more deeply as I have had in my home for the last few days a young Danish woman, who has been in this country for some months and is just returning to Denmark for a visit, and who is having the greatest struggle in coming to a simple religious faith. She was brought up in an atheist home, and, I think, naturally looks on the darker side; and the problem of suffering is a terrible problem to her. Oddly enough, it seems to be more of a problem than the problem of sin and evil. This she has felt able to excuse on the ground of heredity and unhappy environment. Mrs. Speer and I have done our best to try to make things simple and clear to her, and I hope that a little light, at least, has begun to break for her in what was a very dark sky. My talks with her have made me think even more of the troubles which have perplexed you, although yours are of so different a kind from hers and your education unlike hers.

As I have read your letter, I have thought that perhaps the principle that would help you most would be simply to settle down on the conviction that the one supreme thing is the truth. It is not what somebody says, or some book says. We rest on what is in the Bible--not because it is in the Bible, but because it is the truth. If there is anything in the Bible that is not the truth, the fact that it is in the Bible cannot justify our accepting it or believing it. I have never found anything that seemed to me

to be untruth in the Bible. If I ever do, I shall most certainly reject what is untruth, because I know that God is truth and that in Him is no falsity at all, and that whatever is false in this world is to be rejected and fought against. Some such principle as this, it seems to me, will set you free. If you measure everything by its conformity to what somebody has said or taught, or what any book declares, you will be perpetually troubled. If you simply rest on the principle that God is truth, and that all truth is God's truth, it seems to me that you will be freed from a great deal of distress and unrest.

As to how to find out the truth, of course there is only one way to find it, and that is to search for it reverently, and the chief organ of search is, of course, one's reason, although not one's reason in any bare intellectual sense alone, for we know many things that we do not learn through the mathematical reason. But if we will search for the truth with mind and heart, and in the spirit of absolute devotion to duty and right, we shall find it. That is the great principle of Horace Bushnell's sermon on "The Dissolving of Doubts", which I wish you would read.

And I have been reading another book recently, which I think would help you and which I wish you would read instead of bothering over such newspaper clippings as you sent me. I refer to Caird's "Fundamental Principles of Christianity". It surely will help you to find solid ground again. I am just reading now the chapters on the Problem of Evil and Sin; and while I do not believe that the problem is solvable, yet its difficulties are infinitely less than the difficulties of a Godless world. I can understand the existence of evil in a world that belongs to God better than I can the existence of good in a Godless world; and I would rather walk trustfully with God in a world whose evil I do not understand, than live with a Godless

heart amid the evil of a world whose good must be an enigma to me.

There is another little book which I think might help you, by the Rev.R.E.Welsh, an Englishman, who is now coming to Canada. It is entitled "In Relief of Doubt".

Please do not be thrown off from the truth by any reaction from a hard medieval theological scheme, which is not a scheme that your mind and heart will naturally draw from the Bible, if you will go to it direct.

And please let me know of any further difficulties, but be sure to read the book of Caird's which I have suggested. It is not exactly directed at your difficulties, but I think it will touch them at the root.

Very cordially yours,

Geo. E. Spier
per H.

Dictated May 11th.

May 21st, 1907.

Dr. K. A. Sturge,
101 Scott Street,
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Dr. Sturge:-

I find a little note which I wrote you a long time ago, but which was never sent, thanking you and Mrs.Sturge for the card of New Year's greetings which you so kindly sent. I want to tell you how much I have appreciated a copy of your book, "The Spirit of Japan", sent me by Inazawa.

I often recall my delightful visit to California, and the very happy hours spent with you. I hope that you are very well, and that the work is going forward prosperously.

With warm regards to Mrs.Sturge and yourself,

Your sincere friend,

Robert E. Speer
per H

Dictated May 11th.

May 21st, 1907.

The Rev. Levy Johnson,
P.O.Box 302,
Pendleton, Oregon.

My dear Brother Levy:-

Many, many times since we met last fall in Pendleton and at the Synod has it been in my heart to write to you, and it was a joy to get, in February, your note of January 31st, showing that it had been in your heart to write to me. I felt the bond between us the first time we met; and if I had had any doubts about it, they would have all been swept away when you spoke in the Sunday School Convention at Corvallis. I think often of you and rejoice in our friendship, and pray that the dear Saviour whom you are serving may be near you by day and night, as I know he is, and fill your heart with his abounding love.

I am sending you a couple of little pamphlets--"How to Deal with Temptation", "Our Only Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ", and "The Layman's Duty to Propogate His Religion", which may be of interest to you.

It will be good to hear from you at any time, and I hope that, before long, our paths may cross again.

Your sincere friend,

Dictated May 11th.

May 21st, 1907.

Mr. Lansing G. Wetmore,

Rochester, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Wetmore:-

I have several times turned to write to you about your kind invitation to come up this summer for one of the Sundays of Dr. Taylor's vacation, but have not been able at any time to send any definite answer, and I am not sure that I can now have either of the two Sundays you mention.

The 15th, however, I think I ought not to try to come, as our Board meets the next day, but it may be possible for me to come for the 8th. Could you hold that for me until I get back from the Assembly? I shall try to let you know then, and hope it may be possible for me to come for that day.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated May 11th.

May 28th, 1907.

Mr. A. Henry Brumbaugh,
Juniata College,
Huntingdon, Pa.

My dear Mr. Brumbaugh:

Your letter of May 24th has just been received in Mr. Speer's absence at the General Assembly, and will be handed him on his return.

I would say, however, that he is scheduled to be at Geneva June 20th, so that it will be impossible for him to accept your invitation for that date.

Very sincerely yours,

(Miss) May F. Bigler

Secretary to Mr. Robert E. Speer.

May 28th, 1907.

Mr. A.H.S. Whitney,
c/o Stone,
200 West 101st St., City.

My dear Mr. Whitney:—

Your letter of May 24th has just been received, and your previous letter also came to hand after Mr. Speer had left to attend the General Assembly in Columbus.

We expect him in the office to-morrow morning, although it may not be possible for him to write you at once, as he will be engaged for the next week in our Annual Conference with the New Missionaries.

Very sincerely yours,

(Miss) May F. Bigler

Secretary to Mr. Robert E. Speer.

May 29th, 1907.

Mr. C. G. Trumbull,
1031 Walnut St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Trumbull:-

Your checks No. 4239 for $12.00 and No. 4254 for $65.00 have been received in Mr. Speer's absence at the General Assembly, for which I wish to thank you in his behalf.

Very sincerely yours,

(Miss) May Higbee

Secretary to Mr. Speer.

May 29th, 1907.

Mr. A. D. Smith,

Lebanon, Pa.

My dear Mr. Smith:-

Your letter of May 27th has just been received in Mr. Speer's absence, and will be handed him on his return to-morrow morning. I would say, however, that he has an engagement at Niagara for June 23rd, so would be unable to accept your invitation for that date.

Very sincerely yours,

(Miss) May Higbee

Secretary to Mr. Robert E. Speer.

May 29th, 1907.

Mr. H. C. Coleman,

400 De Kalb Street,

Norristown, PA.

My dear Horace:

I got back from the General Assembly yesterday, and find your good note of the day before with its most kind and generous invitation, which we shall be delighted, as I hope we may be able to, accept. If all goes well, I trust that we can get away from July 12th, reaching Camp the 13th, though it may be that we cannot get up until the 16th.

I expect to be at home to-morrow, and we shall rejoice to see you. It is the day, however, when our new missionaries come out to spend the afternoon with us. I enclose herewith the program of the Conference which is now in Session. I shall not be able to get out to the house until the train leaving New York at 3.25, with the new missionaries. We should be happy to have you come and meet them, and then spend the night with us. If you cannot manage this, just come over at any time that you can. I shall be at home now right along for the next two weeks, with the exception of Sunday, June 9th, when I shall be at Pottstown.

Very affectionately yours,

May 29th, 1907.

The Rev. H. G. Buehler,

Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Mr. Buehler:-

I returned home last night after a two weeks' absence, and was delighted to know that nothing had arisen to interfere with your making us the little visit on Sunday.

I enclose herewith a time-table. There are almost always cabs at the station in Englewood, but if you could let me know the train that you are coming on, I could be sure to have one meet you.

If you should be in the city and wish to call me up on the telephone, my number is "922 Gramercy". In Englewood, my telephone number is "439".

Very affectionately yours,

June 1st, 1907.

The Rev. S. H. Crowell, D.D.,
American Sunday School Union,
1122 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir, Chester:-

Will you kindly send me a copy of the leaflet containing the story of one of your Sunday School missionaries, a boy named Jim? It was printed in the very tasteful leaflet entitled "Diamond Anniversary Bulletin", but I have also seen it in a smaller four-page leaflet, and it is this latter that I should like to have. I had a copy of it, but have mislaid it and wish to refer to that particular copy. It began, I think, with some reference to the work in the mountains of the South.

Very sincerely yours,

June 3rd, 1907.

Mr. Ralph C. Hartley,

Nyack, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Hartley:-

I am sorry to have to say that I have a committee meeting on Thursday evening, at eight o'clock, which will take up all the latter part of the evening, and I have engagements for every other evening during the week. I may find that I can have some time free on Friday evening, however, and if so I shall let you know.

I expect to be home the evening of Monday, June 10th, if you could come down that evening.

Very cordially yours,

June 3rd, 1907.

Mr. Henry N. Tifft,

11 William St., City.

My dear Mr. Tifft:-

I am very sorry that it will not be possible for me to be present at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Juvenile Asylum to-morrow. Will you kindly present my excuse? I shall be kept away by the Annual Conference, which we hold with our newly appointed missionaries, which is now in session.

Very cordially yours,

June 3rd, 1907.

Mr. Fred B. Smith,

3 West 29th Street, City.

My dear Fred:-

I am glad of an opportunity of replying to your friendly inquiry as to my conversation with Mr. F. M. Smith, of Princeton.

He told me that he had been intending to enter the ministry, but that the religious work of the Young Men's Christian Association has been urged upon him, and that he wished my advice as to whether he should turn aside from the ministry to take up the work of a secretary of the religious department.

I had no hesitation whatever in advising him to go on into the ministry. I have always given this advice to young men, believing that, important as the work of the religious department is, it is not as important and does not offer to young men as large and permanent a field of service as the ministry. I believe that the ministry should have the best men, and that other forms of work should be content that the ministry should have the best men.

I believe thoroughly in the work of the religious department, as you know, and am prepared to support it in every way I can, and have no hesitation in advising men as between that work and secular work, or even some other forms of religious activity, to enter the secretaryship in the religious department. If it had been a choice between the religious work secretaryship and anything else than the ministry, I should probably have advised Mr. Smith to enter the secretaryship; but if a man is thoroughly qualified for the ministry, I would not urge him to abandon it and enter

the secretaryship instead. I would advise him to go on and take a theological seminary course and enter the ministry; and then, if he wishes to take up work in the religious department of the Y.M.C.A., and finds that that offers him, for a time at least,his largest field, to do so.

With warm regard,

Very sincerely yours,

June 3rd, 1907.

Miss Miriam Hathaway,
Wellesley College,
Wellesley, Mass.

My dear Miss Hathaway:-

Your kind note of May 31st has just been received. Your preceding note also came just prior to my going away for a two weeks' absence. I have not yet been able to answer Miss Caswell definitely as to coming to Wellesley for some Sunday next fall. In case I am able to come, of course I shall be happy to speak for you at the missionary service in the evening.

Very cordially yours,

June 3rd, 1907.

The Rev. Sidney S. Conger,

Cooperstown, N. Y.

My dear Shag:-

That advertisement that you pasted in the corner of your letter is almost irresistable, and I am sure, combined with your allurements, would be unanswerable were it not for the fact that I shall probably be up in Northern New England at the time of the celebration, getting what rest I can and completing a biography of one of our medical missionaries, who died a year or two ago. Besides, with such a luminary as Bishop Potter, you would not want a poor little rush light like me flickering around.

I hope that you are very well, and, with ever kind regard, I am

Faithfully yours,

June 3rd, 1907.

Mr. H. C. Coleman,

Morristown, Pa.

My dear Horace:-

It was a great delight to see you the other day.

I hope you can come soon again.

I am sorry to know that Mr. Strong has written unfavorably.

I shall write to him, telling him that he must change his plans.

I have a letter from Robert Fitch, in which he says that he doubts whether it would be practicable for him to think of his little family getting away, but I am writing to him again and shall let you know when I hear from him.

Very affectionately yours,

June 3rd, 1907.

Prof. John M. Strong,

Rochester, N. Y.

My dear John:-

I hear from Mr. Coleman that you have written to him that it seems impossible for you to get up to Diamond Pond this summer.

I write at once to ask you to think the matter over again and see whether you cannot make it possible. Mr. Cole man was at my house the other day, and I told him about you and our friendship. He was very eager to have you come, and I have a note from him in which he says:-

"I wish you would find out from him whether it is a matter of expense, as I do not want that to stand in the way of enjoying his followship. You know him so well that you can probably take this matter up with him personally with him, and let me know the result."

I am writing quite frankly to ask whether it will not be possible for you to arrange to come. If the matter of expense is in the way at all, I am sure I can have Mr. Coleman fix that up. He is always willing, for the sake of the sort of people who ought to be in the camp, to bend the regulations of the corporation. It would double the pleasure of our stay at camp to have you and Mrs. Strong there, and I do hope you can arrange to come. It is just the place you will desire, and there are real fishes in the streams waiting to be caught.

Very affectionately yours,

June 3rd, 1907.

The Rev. Rufus W. Miller, D.D.,
1308 Arch Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Miller:-

I am sorry it will not be possible for me to accept your kind invitation to speak at the Assembly of the Ministers and Elders of the Reformed Church, August 6-8. I have already other engagements which will make it impossible for me to come.

Very cordially yours,

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June 4th, 1901.

Mr. S. Edgar Briggs,

[illegible] St., City.

My dear Mr. Briggs:-

I am very glad to reply to your request for my opinion regarding the Rev. J. Douglas Adam, D.D., of Brooklyn.

I know Dr. Adam intimately, and there is no man in the ministry whom I regard more highly. He is a man of talent, of ability; a scholar; a man who reads, who knows the thought of our time, and who is able to relate it to the thought of all times. I do not know a more thoughtful and devout preacher. He is a man of the purest and truest character, utterly devoid of pettiness, selfishness, and trivility. He is naturally of grave and dignified character, but he is full of good fellowship, of earnest friendliness, of sympathy with life and all men and women and boys and girls who are living life. I know him as a brother, and there is no one whom I would rather have for my pastor to listen to from Sunday to Sunday, and to have fellowship with from day to day.

I do not believe that his spirit of Scotch reserve and thoughtfulness is too strong to allow him to adapt himself to all good fellowship. I have not found it so in our summer outings together; his laugh is the heartiest of all, and his participation in sport and play as genial as that of any of the youngsters. I should think that the larger contact with young life would draw out what I know is there.

Dr. Adam is not the superficial, catch-penny type. He does not play to the galleries or pretend what is not in him. He is a genuine

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man, and the Gospel which he is preaching in the world is no cheap and weakly Gospel, but something that he feels deeply and that he believes the world's heart, in the deeps of it, is feeling after. It is this earnestness, this real spiritual feeling, which gives him strength with students and the young people who gather in the summer conferences at Northfield and Silver Bay. They want to hear men who, as was said of Hugh Price Hughes, "have passed the Gospel through the blood of the soul". That is the way that appeals to them.

Of his preaching, however, if you have heard him much, you are able yourself to judge. I can only testify that I have known the man well in the free intercourse of life in the woods, and that the genuine thing is there, and that, while the natural set of the character is sobriety and earnestness, I know that the spirit of geniality and play is there; and if it is there, I do not see why one cannot feel sure that it will come out to meet all demands.

Very sincerely yours,

Robert E. Speer

June 4th, 1907.

The Rev. Jos. W. Sanderson, D.D.,

Beaverdam, Wis.

My dear Dr. Sanderson:-

I received yesterday a copy of your "War Memories" and read them through late at night on my way home. I am always delighted to receive and read with eagerness all such living contributions. The generation to which you belong will be gone before many years, and in these years before it goes it ought to put on record as many as possible of its recollections of the mighty struggle.

It was a great pleasure to see you again at Columbus.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

June 4th, 1907.

Mr. Will R. Moody,

East Northfield, Mass.

My dear Will:-

On returning from the Assembly last week, I found your two notes of May 16th and have since received your note of June 1st regarding the meeting of the Mt. Hermon trustees. I am sorry I shall not be able to be at Mt.Hermon on June 17th, but will be at the Student Conferences at Asheville, N.C., that day.

I have talked over our summer plans with Emma, and we shall be very glad to stop off at Northfield over Sunday, June 16th, coming up on the afternoon train on Saturday and going on on the White Mountain Express on Monday.

I do not at the moment thing of anything covering the inquiry of your correspondent regarding a book on plans for raising money for missionary purposes in the Sunday Schools, but the Young People's Missionary Movement may know of something, and I shall ask them to let you know in case they do.

Very affectionately yours,

June 5th, 1907.

The Rev.H.G.Underwood,D.D.,
c/o John Underwood & Co.,
No.36 Bd des Italiens,
Paris.

My dear Dr.Underwood:-

Your good letter of May 16th has been received.

We are all delighted to know that you are improving, and I hope after the summer in the high altitudes of Switzerland you may find that you have your full strength back again.

I have heard of the Bordentown Institute, but have never been there and cannot say what sort of a school it is. I have met the head of it several times, and have been rather pleased with him, and my impression of the school is favorable. I have written, asking them to send you a catalogue, and have written also to the Peekskill Academy, which is in part, at least, a military school, asking them to send you a catalogue. I think that Chester and Borden and Peekskill are all good schools.

If there is any way in which I can help, please do not hesitate to let me know. If I get any further information that will be of service to you, I shall be glad to send it.

With kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,

June 5th, 1907.

Bordentown Military Institute,

Bordentown, N. J.

Dear Sirs:-

Will you kindly send a catalogue of your school to

The Rev.H.G.Underwood, D.D.,
c/o John Underwood & Co.,
No.36 Bd des Italiens,
Paris, France.

Dr.Underwood has a son who he wishes to put in school this fall, and he wants to send him to a school where there is military training. He is one of our most useful missionaries, and we are anxious to help him to find a school that will exactly meet his needs.

Very sincerely yours,

June 5th, 1907.

Peekskill Academy,

Peekskill, N. Y.

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Very sincerely yours,

June 5th, 1907.

The Rev. J. M. Crowell,
1816 Chestnut St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Crowell:-

Mr. Grant Bancroft has just come in and given me a copy of the leaflet containing the story of "Jim", but it is not the one that I had in mind. The one which I had in mind began, as I remember, with a reference to the needs of the mountain people of the South, and the story of "Jim" as told in that leaflet contained no mention of Cedar Rapids, or Minnesota, or of anything that would localize the story in the West.

I am very sorry that I lost the copy which I had, and I should be very glad if I could get somewhere another copy.

Very sincerely yours,

June 5th, 1907.

Mr. Will R. Moody,

East Northfield, Mass.

My dear Will:-

Sometime ago, before you went abroad, you sent me an inquiry from one of your correspondents asking for a list of a hundred books for a young minister.

I spent a good deal of time trying to make up such a list, but found it so big a job if it was to be done rightly, that I ventured to try to unload the work on some other men whom I thought must have already done it. I sent one list of books, prepared by the Princeton Seminary Librarian, which Mr. Miller acknowledged; and I enclose now a list with some accompanying pamphlets, representing the more liberal theological literature as the Princeton list represented a more conservative.

The trouble about any such list of books would be that it would have to be changed frequently because of the appearance of new books, and also because so much depends on the line along which a man wants especially to work. One set of books will mean a great deal to one man and a very little to another man.

Perhaps, however, what I am now sending, combined with the Princeton Seminary list, will enable your correspondent to pick out enough books to keep him busy for the rest of this year.

Very affectionately yours,

June 5th, 1907.

Miss Georgia L. Chamberlain,
American Institute of Sacred Literature,
Chicago, Ills.

My dear Miss Chamberlain:-

I am very grateful for your most kind and helpful reply to my inquiry regarding lists of books. I quite agree with you on your notes on some of the questions of the correspondent in whose interests I wrote. I am forwarding your letter and the papers you kindly sent.

Very sincerely yours,

June 5th, 1907.

The Rev. John Harvey Lee,
Second Presbyterian Church,
Germantown, Pa.

My dear Mr. Lee:-

Your kind note of yesterday is just received.

It would be a great pleasure to accept your invitation for January 5th; and if I find that it is possible to come, I shall be glad to do so; but I shall not be able for some weeks yet to plan out my schedule for next fall and winter, and cannot answer your invitation definitely until I know just what will have to be covered in the winter months. There is a possibility that I may have to go to the Student Volunteer Convention in Great Britain in January, and in that case it would not be possible to fill any appointments here for the first two or three Sundays. I shall let you know later. If, however, as you can well understand may be the case, it is necessary to have arrangements made definitely at once, I think it would be better for you not to count on me.

Very cordially yours,

June 5th, 1907.

Mr. Chas. G. Trumbull,
1021 Walnut Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Charlie:-

I have just received the enclosed postal card from your office. I think it must have been sent by mistake, as the arrangement for the Young People's column was to run only for the first six months of this year.

Your good letters of May 14th, 16th, 22nd, 29th, and June 3rd were all received, and it is good to have such a handful as I have before me.

I am looking up the facts regarding the Board's connection with the Vermont's Syrian Orphanage fund. That matter was settled just about the time I became connected with the board, and my recollection of it is rather indistinct, although I remember very well a conference which your father and Dr. Lane held for the purpose of correcting what they felt were misrepresentations made by Dr. Marshall, who was field secretary of the Board at that time. I am having the facts looked up, and shall hope to be able to return the papers to you shortly.

It was very thoughtful of you to send the stamps covering that long distance call, which I wish you had forgotten.

You are, of course, at entire liberty to use the article on Dr Watson's sermons, which I wrote some six or seven years ago.

I am very grateful for the letters regarding the poem used in "Self Purification by Hope" and regarding the editorial note on "Consolence" I shall be interested to know whether the editorial on

Mr.Trumbull--2--June 5th,1907.

God's Forgiveness meets the needs of that burdened heart of which you told me.

We have just closed a very busy week, filled with meetings with our newly appointed missionaries.

Very affectionately yours,

Robert E. Speer

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To ~~The Rev. Robert Campbell, D.D.,~~
Moderator General Assembly,
~~Montreal, Quebec.~~

Highly appreciate invitation. Would gladly come but other engagements prevent

Robert E. Speer.

June 6th, 1907.

Mr. Horace C. Coleman,

Morristown, PA.

My dear Horace:

I wrote to John Strong once after seeing you, and have just received the enclosed reply. I don't know how many there will be in his family, but he may have stated this fact in his letter to you. I should be glad to find out from him, however, if he did not do so. Will you write to him, or would you like me to do so ?

I spoke to the Fitches whom you met at our house, and I fear that their Summer plans are such that they would not be able to come up. There may be some chance, however. I have no word from Robert Fitch, who, with his family, is in Wooster, Ohio.

John Stone was in the other day. He tells me that he is going to Europe early in July and will not get up to Camp until the second week in August. If he is going to be away, we will need John Strong all the more.

You will be interested to know that last night the United Boards of the Main Avenue Presbyterian Church in Orange unanimously voted to call a Congregational Meeting to recommend that Adam be called to that church. It is one of the largest and best churches in the Oranges, and will be a splendid field for him.

Ever affectionately yours,

June 6th, 1907.

Professor John Meigs,

Pottstown, PA.

My dear Professor:

It made my heart glad to see your handwriting this morning, but I wish I might have been here to see you yourself. I shall look forward eagerly to Sunday, and to seeing you then.

The Rev. F. E. Hoskins, D. D. of Syria can come to the Hill for June 16th. I asked him to come in to-day in order to arrange for his coming out to Englewood on Monday to speak at a meeting there.

I think John Stone has written to you about his coming to the Hill. He is a very choice man and he has some lectures on the Holy Land, and especially the country beyond the Jordan, which Stone tells me are the finest things he has ever heard. I think he understands about speaking to boys, and I know that you, and I believe that they, would thoroughly enjoy him. My impression is that he has some especially fine lantern slides of the country beyond the Jordan, which I presume he would bring along if you wish him to do so. I told him that I would write at once to you, and that you would send him word as to whether you would like him to come for the 16th. He will be at Princeton until Monday, in care of his brother, Professor J. D. Hoskins; Monday night he will be with me in Englewood, and Tuesday in Princeton again.

With warmest love from Emma and me to you and Mrs. John, I am

Ever affectionately yours,

June 6th, 1907.

Miss Alice M. Davison,

The Essex,

56th Street and Madison Avenue, N. Y. C.

My dear Miss Davison:

You may have heard from Mrs. Prentiss or Mrs. Booth of our correspondence with Miss Florence J. Bigelow, sister of Miss Gertrude Bigelow of Japan. I enclose herewith a copy of a letter which I am just sending her, and which will be self-explanatory. If everything else is satisfactory, do you think that funds for her support could be provided in a way that it would be a clear extra and which would warrant the Board in assuming this additional obligation ?

With warm regard, I am

Very faithfully yours,

June 6th, 1907.

Miss Florence J. Bigelow,

161 Bank Street,

Batavia, New York.

My dear Miss Bigelow:

Several days ago Mrs. Prentiss brought in your letter with reference to your going out to Japan, and on Monday I had a letter from your sister about your coming. To-day Mrs. Prentiss has been in again with your letter of yesterday, and after calling at Mr. Craig's office and ascertaining that they would be willing to keep the position in North Carolina open for you for a few days, I telegraphed you to await this letter.

I write at once to say that from all that we hear of you, and from the fact that you are Miss Gertrude's sister, you are just the kind of worker we should like to have go out to Japan. The questions which arise, however, which we should have to answer satisfactorily for the Board are:

FIRST: - As to your health. The certificate from Dr. Spoffard sent to the Home Board is very satisfactory on this point, but we should be glad to have the enclosed blank filled out by him.

SECOND: - Your ability at your age to acquire the language. On this point your experience as a teacher, your own abilities, and the fact that you will be with your sister who would do everything in her power to help you, - all give us reassurance.

THIRD: - The question as to how far your going to Japan is dependent upon being with Miss Gertrude. Supposing that within a few years her health should require her withdrawal from the field. Would you feel that you, also, should have to leave the field ? Supposing that exigencies on the field wo

require either you or her to work in some other station of the West Japan Mission for a time. Would you feel that such a prospect would make it impossible for you to go ? In other words, if our Board should send you, would you go intending to give your life to the work, as far as one can decide in advance, irrespective of what may happen in the future affecting the possibility of being with your sister ?

FOURTH: - The question of the Board's ability, financially, to send another missionary to Japan this year. The Mission desires the Board to send at least two more women, and the need and opportunity is great, but the budget for the year has already been made up and something would depend upon our ability to secure pledges for your support. This point we will take up at once with the New York Women's Board.

But on the other questions, I should be very glad to hear from you at once, especially the third question.

I have the very warmest friendship for your sister, and should rejoice in anything that would make her life and work in Japan happier, and admiring her as I do, and esteeming her character and her work so highly, I can believe that any sister of hers would be a valuable addition to the missionary forces in Japan.

I have meant to write encourgingly. I hope I have not written too encouragingly, because the sending of another missionary now will involve a heavy increase of the Board's financial obligations, and it may be that the New York Women's Board will not be prepared to promise such increased gifts, especially for this purpose. I should rejoice, however, if the difficulties should disappear and it may become possible for you to go.

I have borrowed your papers from the Board of Home Missions, but as the blanks which they use are somewhat different from ours, we should be glad if you would fill out the two blanks enclosed, and return them with the

medical certificate.

Praying that the right decision may be reached and that it may be reached quickly, I am

Very cordially yours,

June 6th, 1907.

Professor John H. Strong,

287 Westminister Road,

Rochester, New York.

My dear John:

I was overjoyed to get this morning your letter of yesterday, and am sure that we can get matters arranged beautifully. I am writing to Mr. Coleman, and shall let you know as soon as I hear from him.

It will double my pleasure this Summer if it is only possible to spend it with you.

With warmest love, I am

Ever your friend,

June 6th, 1907.

Mr. Henry J. Rostwick,

Asst. Supt., Clifton Springs Sanitarium,

Clifton Springs, New York.

My dear Mr. Rostwick:

This will introduce Mrs. J. K. McCauley, one of our missionaries in Japan now at home on furlough, who wishes to enjoy for a little while the advantages of the Sanitarium. Her year's furlough expires early in July, but on the basis of a medical certificate the Board has extended it to the latter part of September. I believe that none of our endowment privileges are now in use. Will you kindly place one of them at Mrs. McCauley's disposal for as long as period as the rules of the Sanitarium now allow ? I have written her that these privileges lapse during the Summer months, but I have forgotten how soon the period of suspension begins.

Very cordially yours,

June 6th, 1907.

Mrs. C. A. Gould,

1562 Lill Avenue,

Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Gould:

We received yesterday from Mr. Gould in Ferozepore, a cablegram in cipher which interpreted meant "Please wire this message to my father;

"Your despatch received. You have our deepest sympathy and prayers in your affliction."

We referred at once to our record books, but could not find the name and address of Mr. Gould's father, but only your name and address. We, accordingly, telegraphed his message to you last evening. If we should do anything else with it, will you kindly let us know ?

Before each missionary leaves this country for the field, we ask for the names of the nearest relatives and enter these on our records. The only name given us by Mr. Gould was your name.

May I offer the sincere sympathy of the Board in whatever sorrow may have come to you ?

Very sincerely yours,

June 6th, 1907.

The Rev. W. C. Taylor,

Keeseville, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Taylor:-

The last week has been filled with the meetings of our Newly Appointed Missionaries' Conference, and the last meeting closed only a few moments ago. The rush of business during this week must have accounted for Mrs.Wood's inability to reply earlier to your letters. I am speaking to her about the matter, and I am sure you will hear soon from her.

The two statement to which you call attention do appear to be inconsistent, but I think are not really so. The first statement means that the Forward Movement should be a real forward movement; that it should be an advance and not merely a re-arrangement of what the church is already doing. It means, also, that it does not of necessity disturb any of the arrangements already made in the case of the Woman's Society, and the Young People's Society, and the Sunday School.

The second statement means, however, that where it is desired all the agencies of the Church can concentrate their gifts on some one field. For example, if your Woman's Society is now connected with any particular Station, it would be possible to arrange to have the gifts of the Church and the Sunday School also apply to that same Station. It would only be necessary to have such a conference as would secure unity of action. There will be churches which do not wish such unification of their gifts, believing that variety of interests is preferable. I know many such. There will be other churches in which there will be differences of opinion,

some wishing to have everything unified and other interests in the church wishing variety. It is necessary, therefore, to have a flexible plan, such as that described in the Forward Movement Hand-Book, allowing unification wherever desired, but not necessitating it.

If you feel that unification would be wise in your church, I should think the first thing to do would be to consult with the leaders of the Woman's Missionary Society. It may be that the field in which they have their interest would be in every way a satisfactory field for the church as a whole, so that you could get the other interests of the church combined in the support of a parish in the same field in which the Woman's Society is interested.

It would be possible to arrange, as far as the Board here is concerned, for a parish in any field; but the relations and obligations of your Woman's Society to its Woman's Board should be taken into consideration in thinking of any change of object for their gifts, in case the whole church is to be unified and take some other field than that in which the women are now interested.

Full conference and clear understanding will bring a satisfactory adjustment, I am sure, in the case of your missionary work.

Please let me know of any way in which I can be of service.

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated May 5th.

June 5th, 1907.

Mr. E.B. Stevenson,
1103 Main Street,
Kansas City, Mo.

My dear Mr. Stevenson:-

I was very sorry to learn from your letter of May 28th that the story of "Jim" in "The Sunday School Times", in connection with work among the Southern Mountaineer, was not a southern mountain story at all. I got it from a leaflet published by the American Sunday School Union, which related, as I remember, to work in the southern mountains, and the story as told in that leaflet was not localized at all. Cedar Rapids and Minnesota, which are mentioned in the story contained in the leaflet you sent me, were omitted from the leaflet from which I quoted. I am trying to get another copy of that leaflet, and, if I can do so, shall be glad to make a correction in "The Sunday School Times".

The connection of the story in the "Diamond Anniversary Bulletin", which you sent me, I think is also open to misunderstanding, or would be if the story were not so obviously in accord with the title of "Work Among the Indians", under which, typographically, it seems to belong. All that I can say now is that I gained no other idea from the leaflet from which I took the story than that it was a story of work among the southern mountains. I hope I can recover a copy of the leaflet so as to ascertain whether I was careless in reading it, or whether the leaflet itself unmistakably associated the story with the mountain work.

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated May 5th.

June 6th, 1907.

The Rev. Stanley White,
99 Hillside Ave.,
Orange, N. J.

My dear Stanley:-

Mrs. Ray, Mrs. Dulles' mother, and I have been talking some more about your coming to Englewood, and I hope that you will look into the available houses there before reaching a final decision.

I should like to give you, in addition, the name of H. Weatherby & Company, Englewood Real Estate Agents, and the name of Mr.E.C. Dillingham. Mr. Dillingham is a fine old gentleman, and I am sure you would find him very helpful.

If you can come out any time, I wish you would let me know when, so that I can try to be at home and you can come and take whatever meal it may be possible with us.

Very cordially yours,

June 5th, 1907.

Miss Mary Jewett,
c/o Mrs. C. J. Deacon,
1025 First Ave., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

My dear Miss Jewett:-

Your card of yesterday is just received.

I am so sorry that I missed seeing you when you were in New York. I do hope that our paths may meet again soon. I hope you have had a pleasant visit in Pittsburg and a comfortable trip to Cedar Rapids. You will have heard, doubtless, of the special religious interest in the school in Tabriz. Dr. Wright says, however, that the immigration movement is carrying away more than it is possible to add to the church each year.

We are sending out a young man to teach in the school for Mr. Wilson. I hope he may prove to be as good a man as Mr. Vauthier.

We have just closed to-day our Annual Conference with the Newly Appointed Missionaries, which has been a very profitable meeting.

With warm regards from Mrs. Speer and myself,

Your sincere friend,

Dictated May 5th.

June 6th, 1907.

Mrs. T. W. Crosby,
48 LeMoyne Block,
Chicago, Ills.

My dear Mrs.Crosby:-

Your kind note of May 20th, enclosing some pages from a letter from Miss Patterson, came while I was away at the General Assembly, and I write at the first opportunity after returning.

I feel sure that if such a request as Miss Patterson has made should come with the expressed approval of Dr.Wanless and the Mission, Mr. John H. Converse, of Philadelphia, who has built and furnished the hospital at Miraj, and has always given it everything that it needed, would be very glad to provide the beds of which Miss Patterson speaks. I do not think that we ought to take action on the matter as an individual request. That is what we do our best, in justice to the Missions, to avoid; the Missions rightly feeling that requests for contributions from the home churches should not be made by individuals without the formal approval of the Mission.

I think it would be well, in replying to Miss Patterson, to remind her of this foundation principle of our missionary administration, to tell her how heartily we sympathize with her desire, and to suggest to her that she get the approval of Dr. Wanless and the Mission and let the request be sent on to us to forward to Mr.Converse.

Great as the need for these beds is, there are other needs which the Mission evidently feels to be greater, because it has included them in its estimates for the new year, but has not included these beds. Mrs.Wood tells me that we have to raise, for the fiscal year which began May 1st, $1,000. more for the Miraj Station than has yet been promised by special

object givers, and all this money we rather feel to be an obligation prior to the need of funds for additional items not included in the budget of the most important needs.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated May 5th.

June 6th, 1907.

Mr. Chas. W. Hand,
457 Clinton Ave.,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

My dear Charles:-

Your kind letter of the 28th was duly received, and I need not tell you that I was very much distressed at the information you sent.

I agree with you thoroughly as to the quality of men we need in Mexico, and have spoken in the Conference of the folly of our sending out to such a field, to work with such men as Dr.Morales, Prof. Kamara, and others, weak and inefficient young men from this country. I took every opportunity to make further acquaintance with Mr.Elliott, who is the young man to whom you refer, and asked Dr.McAfee about his examination. Dr.McAfee thought his poor showing was due to his simply having absorbed what he heard at Princeton without any independent or assimilating thought.

You know how difficult it is to make a change so late as this in the assignments, and also how great the risk is that one may make matters worse, instead of mending them. On the whole, I am inclined to think that it would be best to let Mr.Elliott go on. He spoke once in the Conference in a very straightforward, direct way. Mr.Erdman picked him out as the best man for Mexico of all the men offering themselves from the Senior Class. His testimonials were excellent. If, moreover, he does not measure up to the right standard, it will be easier to call him home from Mexico than it would be from some more distant field.

We are sending another man to Mexico, also--a graduate of Williams College and Auburn Seminary, who impresses me very favorably and whose prospective wife seems to be one of the choicest of this company.

She speaks Spanish like a native, and also French, and, Mr.Craig of the Home Board says, is the daughter of one of the leading judges and most prominent man in New Mexico. I trust that these men may develop into good, strong, useful men. If not, we must just be resolute about it and bring them home.

At the General Assembly we reported in full the case of Mr. Sample to the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions, and told them just what the Board had done. The Standing Committee commended the Board's position, and agreed that the whole matter should be kept absolutely confidential.

We had a fine closing meeting of the Conference this morning. I wish you might have been up with us.

Very affectionately yours,

Dictated May 5th.

June 8th, 1907.

President Maurice Hutton,
University of Toronto,
Toronto, Canada.

Dear Sir:-

Your very kind letter, inviting me to preach one of the college sermons next college year, was received just as I was leaving New York to attend our General Assembly. I write as soon as possible after returning.

I remember with much pleasure a visit to Toronto several years ago in connection with these services, and should be very glad to return this coming season. I cannot come during the month of October, however, as I have promised to spend that month in our Southwestern states, and I do not at present see any possibility of coming at a later date, in view of the necessity of losing all day Saturday and all day Monday from my office here in traveling to and from Toronto. I shall hope to be making out my schedule for next winter and spring within a few months; and if I find that it is practicable to come for any Sunday later in the year, I shall be glad to let you know, in the chance that the full schedule is not completed.

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated June 7th.

June 6th, 1907.

The Rev. John T. Good, A. M.,

P. O. Box 20,

Birmingham, Mich.

My dear Mr. Good:

I am sorry to say that I do not know the poem to which you refer, but I am sending a note to Mr. Edwards asking him whether he can't forward it to you.

Very cordially yours,

June 6th, 1907.

Mr. Horace C. Coleman,

Morristown, PA.

My dear Horace:

Since writing you this morning about John Strong, I received a letter from Mrs. Robert F. Fitch, from Wooster, Ohio, asking some questions about the Camp, which I have answered. She is afraid her children might make a noise and be troublesome. I have reassured her on that point. I believe that if you could find time to drop them a little note, it might turn the scale and make them feel that they could come.

Very affectionately yours,

June 6th, 1907.

Mr. Frank V. Slack,

3 West 29th Street,

New York City.

My dear Mr. Slack:

Your very kind note regarding the Niagara Conference was received yesterday. I have to be at Geneva, as I understand, for the meeting Thursday evening, June 20th, so that I shall not be able to leave Chicago until the morning of the 21st. I don't know whether that will make it possible for me to get to Niagara the evening of that day or not. If not, I can spend the night on the way, and get to the Conference Saturday morning.

What is the best way to come from Chicago. To take the Michigan Central to Niagara Falls and change there ?

Very sincerely yours,

June 10th, 1907.

Messrs. York & Sawyer,

155 Fifth Ave., New York City.

Dear Sirs:-

I beg leave to introduce herewith a young man for whose trustworthiness I can vouch, who is an engineering student at Cornell and who is anxious to find some work, either as a draughtsman or in constructing work, for the summer. Would there be any possibility of your using him? If not, perhaps you could make some suggestions that would be helpful. I shall be grateful for anything you can do for him.

Very sincerely yours,

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Also to the following:-

Wm. G. Selfe,
Hills Construction Co.
Flat Iron Bldg., City

Thos. H. Gardiner
Hills Construction Co.
56-5th Ave
City

June 10th, 1907.

Mr. S. H. Hartwick,
1300 Pennsylvania Ave.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Mr. H. P. Anderson, of the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association, sent me your kind letter of June 7th with reference to a clergy certificate.

I enclose herewith the application blank.

As I hope to start for Asheville on Thursday of this week, I shall be very grateful to receive the permit by the morning of that day.

Very sincerely yours,

June 10th, 1907.

Mr. Lansing G. Wetmore,
Rochester, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Wetmore:-

Your very kind note of Saturday is just received. I find, to my very great regret, that it will not be possible for me to come up for either the 1st or the 15th of September. Since I missed seeing you in Rochester, I hope that sometime, when you are down here, you may be able to stop in.

Very cordially yours,

June 10th, 1907.

President George Harris,

Amherst, Mass.

My dear President Harris:

Your kind note of Saturday is just received. Your previous letter came while I was away at the General Assembly, and I was not able to reply until I should know definitely about my appointments at the Hill School. I have been accustomed to go there for the first Sunday of the school year, and find that that will be September 29th.

I should be glad to go to Amherst for the following Sunday, but I fear that I shall have to go off to some of our Synods in the Southwest. It may be that I shall not have to leave, however, until the 8th or 9th, and in that case I might be able to come up for the 6th. Would it inconvenience you to leave the question open for a fortnight? I shall hope to be able to let you know definitely by that time. If I cannot come then, it will not be possible for me to come until sometime in the winter, as I shall be away all the rest of October.

It may be that you have already filled October 6th; and in that case, if you can suggest now some later Sunday, I shall be very glad to endeavor to arrange to come then.

Very cordially yours,

June 11th, 1907.

Mr. John M. Holmes,
Post Office Box 903,
St.Louis, Mo.

My dear Jack:-

I am very glad to have your two notes and sorry that your letter at the Assembly missed me, but even if I had received it, I could not have arranged to stop off in St.Louis. I got there Saturday morning, May 25th, and had to leave at once for Macon; and returning had just comfortable time for connections Monday morning, the w7th, reaching home the following afternoon.

I am glad that you are still in St.Louis, and I should think it would be well to stay as long as possible with the present job. It will help in the next one to have been a long time with the present one.

I have pleasure in enclosing, however, a note for you to use in case you go out to Denver. I have two cousins there, the Mayor and his brother.

I am sorry to hear that Mame is not well, and trust that before this there has been better word. I have not heard anything from them for quite a while. I hope that you yourself are well, and that you will let me hear from you from time to time.

I have a friend in St.Louis who would be glad to meet you and whom, I think, you would be glad to meet, Mr. J. M. Patterson, one of our Assistant Secretaries, formerly Secretary of the Board of Missions of the Cumberland Church. His office address is 707 Pine Street. I think he would be glad to see you and take you around to his church, if you are not altogether anchored in the chirch which you are attending. You could show him this letter as a note of introduction.

I look out at Birmingham and Huntingdon every time I go by, and wish

Mr. J.M.Holmes--2--June 11,1907.

I could stop off to visit the hundred places round about that are rich in the associations of the past.

Your sincere friend,

Dictated June 7th.

June 11th,1907.

The Rev. Sumner W. Stevens,
5501 Hunters Lane,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Stevens:-

I have pleasure in enclosing herewith a few stamps in reply to your inquiry of May 22nd.

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated June 7th.

June 11th, 1907.

Honorable R. W. Speer,

Mayor of Denver.

My dear Walter:-

This will introduce Mr. John M. Holmes, whom I have known ever since we were little boys as "Jack" Holmes. His mother was my mother's dearest friend. They lived when we were youngsters in Birmingham, but Mr.Holmes and his daughter are now living in Wilkinsburg, Pa. Jack, whom this introduces, has been connected with the St.Louis Car Company, but is now in Denver; so I venture to give him this note to you, and am sure that you will be glad to see him as an old Huntingdon County boy.

Ever faithfully yours,

June 11th, 1907.

Mr. Delavan L. Pierson,

44 East 23rd Street,

New York City.

My dear Dell:

Your note of yesterday is just received. I have never printed the address to which you refer, although some of the principles that are set forth in it were discussed in an address I made at the Ecumenical Conference, which is printed in "Missionary Principles and Practice." I do not know whether I can find time to write it out for you, but if, within the next seven years and four months I can do so, I shall be happy.

Sorry to have missed you when you came in. If I kept quiet the cream wouldn't rise. That is why I am on the go all the time. I am looking for cream that has risen on some of those still pails you think about.

I got a letter from someone in your church the other day, about the minister you want, and I suggested the name of Mr. Kirk of Kansas. I need not repeat what I said in that letter.

I am going away Thursday of this week to be gone ten days at the Students' Conference, and shall be back on the 24th.

Very affectionately yours,

October 10th, 1907.

Mr. F. A. Stow,

Association House,

West Lafayette, IND.

Dear Mr. Stow:

Your kind note of the 4th is received.

I wish I could accept your invitation, but I see no prospect of my being able to do so. If I find that I am in or near Lafayette at any time during the year, and can come to speak at Purdue, I shall be glad to do so.

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated June 8th.

June 10th, 1907.

The Rev. William N. Anderson, D. D.,
154 Fifth Avenue, N.,
Nashville, TENN.

My dear Dr. Anderson:

Your very kind letter of June 4th has been received. I wish I could accept your invitation, and I would gladly do so if I were to be in Nashville any time this Fall. I fear, however, that it will not be possible for me to get to our Tennessee Synod, as I had hoped to do. I expect to go to the Synods in the Southwest, but I must be back here in New York the last week in October, and I believe that our Synod at Tennessee does not meet until October 26th.

I have the pleasantest recollections of two meetings at which I spoke in your church, and of our hours together at the Southern Students' Conference near Nashville, and I wish I might be with you again.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated June 8th.

June 10th, 1907.

Mr. Will R. Moody,

East Northfield, MASS.

My dear Will:

Your kind note of the 5th was received. Sorry for the stenographic mistake in my letter. It was, of course, July 14th which I meant, and not June 14th. This will make two Sundays in succession at Northfield for me, as I expect to be there for the last Sunday of the College Conference, on July 7th.

Very affectionately yours,

Dictated June 8th.

June 10th, 1907.

Mr. C. G. Trumbull,

1031 Walnut Street,

Philadelphia, PA.

My dear Charlie:

Your letter of the 6th was received yesterday in my office, while I was away.

I shall, of course, be happy to go on with the Young People's Column for the rest of the year, and shall try to send you on Monday the copy due.

With reference to Mrs. Barakat's fund, I think we shall be able to do what you have in mind. Even if I cannot find any actual records, I think we can get the matter cleared up in other authoritative ways.

Very affectionately yours,

Dictated June 8th.

June 11th, 1907.

Professor John Meigs,

Pottstown, PA.

My dear Professor:

Would the following Sundays, if I am able to manage them, be satisfactory for the Hill ? :

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| September 29th | December 8th |
| January 12th | February 23rd |
| March 22nd | April 12th |

May 10th.

This leaves the months of October, November and June. I am not quite sure about October, as that is our Synod month, and I do not know the time of the Thanksgiving vacation at the School, but if I can manage it, would October 27th and November 24th be suitable days in those two months ? As to June, while you know how happy I am to come at any time, I really question whether the boys would not rather have someone else for Baccalaureate Sunday. If that comes June 14th, however, perhaps I could manage to come for the 7th.

It was so good to be at the Hill again when you were there, and I hope that you may come back from the trip abroad with all your strength back.

With warmest love and grateful appreciation of the trust which you gave me to administer, I am

Ever affectionately yours,

June 11th, 1907.

Mr. Junius E. Beale,
University of Michigan,
Ann Arbor, Mich.

My dear Mr. Beale:-

Your kind note of May 22nd was received while I was away at our General Assembly, from which I returned last week.

I remember with great pleasure my visit to Ann Arbor in connection with the Wesleyan Guild lectures several years ago, and I shall be very glad if it is practicable to come some Sunday this year. Sunday, December 15th, however, will be impossible for me, as our Board meets on the first and third Mondays of each month, and I shall have to be at the meeting on December 16th and could not return from Detroit in time. I shall be making out my schedule for next year very soon; and if you could suggest several other Sundays, either the second or fourth Sundays of some of the months, I might be able to arrange to come.

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated June 7th.

June 10th, 1907,

Mr. Ralph Hartley,
132 Lincoln St.,
Yonkers, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Hartley:-

If you are in New York next Thursday, could you not come and take lunch with me that day at quarter of one? I have to leave that afternoon for the South, but we could have an hour together at noon, if you could come and lunch with me.

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated June 7th.

June 11th, 1907.

Mr. Raymond A. Beardslee,
Hartford Theological Seminary,
Hartford, Conn.

My dear Mr. Beardslee:

Your kind note has been received. I saw Mr. Bowman on Sunday, and I do not think it would be worth while troubling your father with the correspondence.

Thanking you for your kind letter, I am

Very truly yours,

June 11th, 1907.

Mr. R. M. Honeyman,

Norristown, Pa.

My dear Mr. Honeyman:-

Your kind letter of June 14th has been received, and I cannot make any promises as yet for next winter. It may be entirely impossible for me to spend any one of the ten Sundays you indicate in Norristown. I shall be glad to keep the matter in mind, however, and if it becomes possible for me to do so, shall let you know.

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated June 7th.

April 27th, 1907.

Mr. Charles A. Corliss,

78 Hudson St., New York City.

My dear Charlie:-

You have a good cause and you are handling it with artistic seduction.

I trust that you may gather in large sums of money. I wish I could send more, for I have the most grateful feelings toward Andover, but all I can do at present is to enclose my mite.

I trust that you have succeeded in getting John Crosby to set aside fifty per cent. of the profits of the Washburn-Crosby Mills for the use of Andover, and that the fortune into which Winters married may prove itself in the same way.

Very cordially yours,

June 10th, 1907.

The Rev. Andrew Robertson, D.D.,
The Manse,
St. Johns, Newfoundland.

My dear Dr. Richardson:-

Your good letter of May 29th and Armstrong's "God and the Soul" and Fulford's "Quiet Hours" came yesterday.

I was delighted to get your letter and most grateful for your kind thoughtfulness in sending the two books. I remember well your reference to them in our last talk, and I shall read them with the greatest interest--indeed, I have already read a good part of each of them.

I am glad that you and Mrs.Robertson got home safely, and hope it may not be very long before you come back again. Please be sure to keep at least a night the next time you come free from all other engagements, and promise me now that you will spend that with us, and I shall hope not to be away as much the next time you are here as I was this last one.

With warm regards to Mrs.Robertson and yourself,

Very cordially yours,

Dictated June 7th.

June 13th, 1907.

The Rev. George Robson, D. D.,

36 Murray Field Road,

Edinburgh, SCOTLAND.

My dear Dr. Robson:

Your most kind letter of May 28th has been received. I appreciate highly the honor of the appointment to the Duff Lectureship, which, if our Board approves, I shall be most happy to accept. There has been no meeting of the Board since the receipt of your letter, and there will not be until next week, and as I have to leave to-day for ten days' absence, attending the Summer Students' Conference, I shall have to leave the matter to be presented to the Board by my associates. I shall be glad to report to you after my return. I do not think that our Board will do other than heartily encourage my acceptance of the very great honor of the Lectureship.

I appreciate very much your kindly part in the matter.

I have heard from Mr. Todd, and am writing, acknowledging his communication and telling him that I shall be happy to send a definite answer within a fortnight.

I was glad to hear of Mr. and Mrs. Fraser and the children. I wish we might have had a longer visit from him and from you when you were on this side.

We shall await, with the greatest interest, the decision of the meeting which was to have been held yesterday, with reference to the next Ecumenical Conference.

With warmest regards, I am

Very faithfully yours,

June 13th, 1907.

Mr. C. G. Trumbull,

1231 Walnut Street,

Philadelphia, PA.

My dear Charlie:

I enclose herewith two more Young People's Meetings topics. I am going off this week to be gone until a week from Monday, and shall try to have a good quantity of them written up for you by that time.

Very affectionately yours,

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June 13th, 1907.

The Rev. H. G. Buehler,

Lakeville, CONN.

My dear Mr. Buehler:

Your good note of the 10th was received yesterday. We enjoyed the little visit from Mrs. Buehler and yourself so much, and now that you see how convenient Englewood is to New York, I hope you will make it more often your stopping place when you have to be in the city.

I hope you found Reginald well when you got back, and can imagine how happy he must have been to see you.

How would December15th and April 26th do for the Hotchkiss visits next year ?

Very affectionately yours,

June 13th, 1907.

rMr. John F. Voris,

215 West 23rd Street,

New York City.

My dear Mr. Voris:

Your kind note is received, and I shall certainly hope to be able to come over for at least one evening next January, if I am in the country, though there is a bare possibility that I will have to be abroad at that time; but I hope not.

I shall be glad to take up the matter with you later, as to some particular evening.

Very cordially yours,

June 13th, 1907.

Mr. Dwight F. Meigs,

The Hill School,

Pottstown, Pa.

My dear Dwight:

Your thoughtful note is just received. I was only too happy to be of any service to you, and presumed that the idea of letting me mail the notes just came to you as I had been leaving, and that there had been some rapid pony express work, in which Marian was the last relay. I put the notes in my bag and mailed them on arriving in New York. I hope they reached New Haven the same evening.

I was delighted to see you back at the Hill again, and hope the Harvard experience is going to do everything that you could wish from it.

If, in passing to and fro through New York this Spring or Summer, you ever have a night in the city, I hope you will come right out to Englewood and spend it with us.

Ever your friend,

June 13th, 1907.

The Rev. N. S. Becker,

Circleville, Orange County, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Becker:-

In trying to catch up with the long accumulated back mail I came upon your good letter telling of the revival meetings you have had in the winter. I just wanted to let you know that I appreciated very much your thinking of sending me this word, and I rejoice greatly with you in this blessed work.

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated June 7th.

June 13th, 1907.

Miss Ruth Vaught,

Lebanon, Indiana.

My dear Miss Vaught:-

Many times since I was in Delaware and since I received your letter in the middle of the winter, I have thought of you and of the testings through which you had passed, and have hoped that you might be enabled, by God's Spirit, entirely to forget yourself and what you think of other people and other people thing of you, and to just live day by day in the loving purpose to be as generous and charitable in judgment as possible, and as unselfish and loving in all small things.

Life for everyone must be a battle. I am sending you a little book, written for boys and young men, in the consciousness of how fierce a battle life for them is. Perhaps there might be something in it that would be applicable in your own struggle; but I am hoping that the struggle for you may fade away in a great victory, which is so real that we can have it and live in it even in the midst of the strife.

I shall be glad to hear sometime how your problems unfold for you, and do earnestly trust that you will let nothing shake your confidence in the good government of God and your willingness, trusting Him, to smile at whatever comes and live it through as part of the testing of life, the end of which is stronger character and larger capacity for infinite service which awaits us beyond these passing years.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated June 7th.
Francis Asbury Palmer

June 13th, 1907.

Mr. Edward C. Wood,
Howard Houston Hall,
West Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Ned:-

I am very much obliged for your good letter of May 19th, which came while I was away at the General Assembly.

I am rejoiced to hear of the Jap of whom you wrote and of his finding the Light; and if any word of mine was among the influences that helped him, I am very thankful to God.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer

Dictated June 7th.

June 11th, 1907.

Mr. Walter McDougall,
45 York St.,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

My dear Mr. McDougall:-

Your most interesting letter with reference to the vacant pastorate of the Bedford Presbyterian Church is received.

I had a little talk sometime ago with Mr.Pierson about the matter; but since seeing Mr.Pierson I have thought of a man whom I think it would be well worth your while to look up. I refer to the Rev.Hugh T. Kerr, Hutchinson, Kansas. Mr. Kerr is a young man, a Canadian, who is doing an excellent work in his present field, a thorough missionary man, and a man, as I judge, of unusual ability. I met him last at the General Assembly, and was greatly pleased with him. He was made Chairman of the Committee on Narrative and presented a remarkable report. It was at the end of the Assembly, when everybody was tired and hurried, but they listened in perfect stillness to him. I was greatly impressed; and both from what I saw of him and from what I have heard of him, I believe it would be worth your while looking him up carefully?

Another man whom I think you would do well to look up is the Rev. Chas. O. Richmond, of Albany. He is a graduate of Princeton Seminary and, I think, of Princeton College also, and Mr. Pierson will probably know him. He has always been a fine, genial, earnest man, and, I am told by a friend, has passed through very deep spiritual experiences within the last few years.

A third man, a little older than those two, but who would, I believe, be an admirable man for you, is the Rev. Thornton A. Mills, Ph.D., who was for some years in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and whose present pastorate is in San Jose, California. He is a strong preacher, full of energy and devotion and pastoral

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faithfulness.

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated June 7th.

June 14th, 1907.

Mr. W. S. Stallings,
Young Men's Christian Association,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Stallings:-

Your kind note of May 7th was received just as I was leaving for the General Assembly.

I cannot at this time promise to speak at any of the theatre meetings next season. My ability to be of service in connection with these meetings has always depended on whether or not I had any Sunday engagement in Baltimore during the series in any of our own churches. I have no such engagement at the present time, and I do not know whether I shall have. If I happen to be in Baltimore for any of the Sundays when you are holding the meetings, I shall of course be glad to be of any possible service to you.

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated June 7th.

June 14th, 1907.

Mrs. Abner Hendee,

156 State Street,

New Haven, Conn.

My dear Mrs. Hendee:-

Sometime ago, I received a letter from Miss Agnes Davis, asking whether I could suggest a tutor and companion to you for your son. I did not know at the time of anyone, but in trying to find a tutor for someone else, I received the following letter from Prof.Winans, of the Princeton University:-

"The place is not an easy one to fill ideally and ideal tutors are scarce. The best man that I can now think of for this sort of service is Warren W. Cunningham. He graduated last June. Was of fairly high standing, second Group in his Senior Year. A well-built, attractive, cheery fellow, thoroughly wholesome. He went out to San Rafael (near San Francisco) to teach English in an important school. He has had good success. The Head desired him to stay and offered him an increase of salary. He is, however, coming East, and will take up Law. As he is still young (b 1885), I think he might take such a place for another year. His father is a Presbyterian minister, now at Yazoo City, Miss. (a grad. of this Sem'y, about 1879). Warren is thoroughly good and wholesome and manly. Has mechanical skill; knows an automobile thoroughly, etc. I do not know when his term closes, or whether he could get away earlier;- or indeed--whether he would consider such a proposal as this. If you see fit, I can write him. If any other good man comes to notice, I will let you know."

I wonder whether this young man might meet your need.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated June 7th.

June 14th, 1907.

The Rev. Karl W. Kumm,
c/o Marshall Bros.,
Keswick House, Paternoster Row, E.C.,
London.

My dear Mr. Karl:-

It was very good of you indeed to have sent me a copy of your book on the Soudan, which I am very glad to have.

I trust that you and the little boys are all well, and, with the prayer that God may bless you always in your work, I am

Very faithfully yours,

Dictated June 7th.

June 14th, 1907.

Mr. H. W. Vaughan,

Colebrook, N. H.

My dear Mr. Vaughan:-

It is drawing near the time when we shall be turning north to Diamond Pond, and I shall look forward with pleasure to seeing you either at the Camp or wherever you may be staying in the Valley. If you are at Mrs. Cross', we shall be sure to stop in and see you as we go to and from the Carr's, unless, indeed, they will be gone this summer from their old home on the hillside.

Mrs. Speer and I appreciated very much your kind thoughtfulness in sending your Christmas greetings. I have kept the poems near at hand. I trust that your health has steadily improved, and have often thought of the lesson of tranquility and peace which you are teaching.

With kind regards and best wishes to any of our friends whom you may see, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated June 7th.

June 14th, 1907.

Miss Ellen C. Parker,
Halifax Ladies College,
Halifax, Canada.

My dear Miss Parker:-

Your kind note of May 28th was received, and I wrote at once again to Mr. Hartley and invited him to come and lunch with me in New York, or to dine with me at my home in Englewood; but thus far we have not been able to fix on a mutually satisfactory time, but I hope to see him on Thursday of next week, just before leaving for a fortnight's absence.

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated June 7th.

June 14th, 1907.

The Rev. John G. Vance,

East Dover, Vt.

My dear Mr. Vance:-

Your kind note of May 27th, addressed to me at Elizabeth, N. J., has been received, and also the copy of the little book, "Golden Echoes".

I trust the little book may be helpful to many, and I wish you well in that and in all your other work. I am sorry, however, that I cannot contribute to the circularization of the book. There are many different ways of doing good, and I rather feel that there are other claims which with me should have priority, but, with best wishes, I am

Very faithfully yours,

Dictated June 7th.

The Committee appointed to consider the work for men in the Church would report that it has met and spent a long evening in a discussion of this important question.

It seems to the Committee that among the ends which work for men in the Church might have in view are the following:-

1st; General mutual acquaintance and promotion of feelings of common interest in the Church and its work.

2nd; More interest in the moral and religious welfare of the community.

3rd; Personal religious development.

4th; Better attendance at Church and Prayer Meeting.

Some of the plans which it seems to the Committee it would be well to consider in the effort to attain these ends are:

1st; A dinner for the men of the Church. We would suggest to the Session the consideration of the appointment of a special committee to arrange for such a dinner in the chapel, Lyceum, golf club, or elsewhere as might be deemed best; this committee to report fully as to details.

2nd; The occasional use of a Sunday morning or evening service distinctly as a men's meeting, without any limitation, of course, of the attendance to men, with an experimental meeting sometime in the fall or winter to be addressed by two prominent laymen from out of town on "Men and the Church".

3rd; An adult Bible Class for men and women such as the class which Dr.Hodge led, if a satisfactory teacher can be found. The Committee will endeavor to make some nomination later to the Session.

4th; The appointment of a special committee on the Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting to co-operate with Dr.Hamilton in working up the attendance of the meeting and helping otherwise as may be practicable.

5th; The use of the Laymen's Missionary Movement in holding an interdenominational evening meeting for men of the various Englewood churches in the home of some member of the congregation, securing, if possible, ex-Mayor Seth Lowe or Admiral Mahan as one of the speakers.

6th; The appointment of a special committee to confer with a committee from the West Side Church on evangelistic work in our own community.

The Committee will be glad to take up any of these points and report more fully upon them if the Session desires.

Respectfully submitted,

June 15th, 1907.

Mr. Frederick Snare,

Englewood, N. J.

My dear Fred:-

I presume that golf tournament laid you up so that you could not get to the meeting of the Committee of the Session on men's work in our Church. Mr. Imbrie and Mr. Dulles and I talked things over, and I enclose herewith a draft of a report to the Session.

Mr. Dulles and I will both be away at the next Session meeting, and Mr. Imbrie will present the report. Will you kindly make any suggestions or corrections that occur to you and report them to Mr. Imbrie?

Very cordially yours,

Enclosure

June 15th, 1907.

Mr. Wm. Morris Imbrie,

Englewood, N. J.

My dear Mr. Imbrie:-

I enclose herewith a proposed report of our Committee to the Session, of which I am sending carbon copies to Mr. Dulles and Mr. Speer, with the suggestion that if they have any corrections to make they report them to you.

I am sorry I shall not be present at the Session meeting.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer

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June 15th, 1907.

Mr. Wm. Dulles, Jr.,

Englewood, N. J.

My dear Will:-

I enclose herewith a copy of a report to the Session. Will you kindly make any corrections and suggestions to Mr. Imbrie?

Very affectionately yours,

Enclosure

June 17th, 1907.

Mr. John H. Strong,
Rochester Theological Seminary,
Rochester, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Strong:-

Your letter of the 15th inst. has just been received in Mr. Speer's absence, and I hasten to send you a letter received from Mr. Coleman on Saturday.

I trust that there may yet be time to change your plans, as Mr. Speer, I know, will be keenly disappointed if you cannot do so.

Very sincerely yours,

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Secretary to Mr. Robert E. Speer.

June 15th, 1907.

The Rev. Geo. C. Lennington,

Virginia, Ills.

My dear Mr. Lennington:-

I have never filed away your good letter of last February 11th, which came before the Omaha Convention and about which I meant to speak to you there, but didn't.

I was very grateful for it at the time and have been often thankful for it since. It seems to me that all that any man ever is able to do only humbles him because he realizes how much more he ought to have done, and how much more God would have been glad to do through him if only he had more fully yielded himself up to God.

I hope that you are very well, and that in all things God is blessing your work.

Your sincere friend,

Robert E. Speer

Dictated June 7th.

June 15th, 1907.

Mr. Victor G. Mills,
Y.M.C.A.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Mills:-

I think it is very difficult for a man to advise another with reference to a theological seminary. There is not one of them which, as far as I know them, meets my ideal. As they stand, one is best for one type of man and another for another; and even where one, knowing another man well, is prepared to recommend a certain seminary to him, he does it with misgivings because there will be some things about that seminary that he would like to see changed.

In many regards I think Union would be an excellent seminary for you. There are some splendid men connected with it and some fine men in the student body. On the other hand, there are, I am told, a good many men in the student body who do not represent that positive evangelical conviction and experience which I believe are the fundamental things; and there are some men in the faculty who may not mean to weaken these fundamental things, but who sometimes seem to have that influence. If you have your own foundations stably laid, and are sure that you can do all your thinking for yourself that has not been rightly done for every man by the men who have gone ahead of him,-then I should not be afraid, if I were you, to come here to New York; and you would find a great deal that would repay you.

Perhaps Union would be the best seminary outside of your own denomination for you to go to.

I am not sure, however, that it is wise for a man who is going to work in any particular Church to separate himself too far from that Church

in his training. If you go to one of your own seminaries, I suppose Drew would give you many of the davantages of New York; and while I know very little about it, I should think well of it from what I see of its men.

Had you thought at all of taking your theological course abroad? There are reasons for and against such a course; but I should think that perhaps two years of your course in one of your own seminaries, and then a year or two abroad, would be a plan well worth thinking about.

If you see Prof. Bosworth in the near future, I would suggest your talking the matter over fully with him. He knows the seminaries well, and he is a wise and earnest man.

Very cordially yours,

Robert F. Weir

Dictated June 7th.

June 15th, 1907.

Miss Mary V. Blandy,

Farmville, Va.

My dear Mary:-

Your kind letter came while I was away at the General Assembly.

I wish there were some prospect of our being able to stop off and visit you, but I am afraid there is not any. Instead of going by the way of Fabians, as we have been accustomed to do, I think we shall stop off at Northfield over Sunday on our way up, and then go up the next day by the way of Whitefield and Cohoes Junction straight through to Colebrook, getting there Monday evening and getting out to our camp the next morning. If, however, I find that we can stop and see you, it will be a real pleasure to do so.

Indeed I do have my old love for the woods. All the longing for the camp came to me to-day when the expressman brought a beautiful new rod as a present from a friend. It was very hard to lay it away and to think that some weeks must pass before I can use it.

I have not been in Huntingdon for a long time, although I pass through there every little while.

With kind regards,

Your sincere friend,

Robert E. Speer

Dictated June 7th.

June 15th, 1907.

Mr. Paul Moody,

East Northfield, Mass.

My dear Paul:-

I enclose a little book notice.

I ought to write you twenty or thirty more--and hope to some day, for the books are standing up in a row back of me. The last of them, Sir Chas. Elliott's "Letters from the Far East" is a lovely one.

I hope you got the copy of Ramsey's "Pauline Studies" which I ordered Revell to get for you and charge to me, to take the place of the one which I had of yours and which I decided to keep instead of returning to you.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer

Dictated June 7th
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June 15th, 1907.

Mr. Arthur E. Young,
548 Neville Street,
Pittsburg, Pa.

My dear Mr. Young:-

I took the liberty, after your visit last winter, to ascertain from Wesleyan University your address, in order sometime to tell you how deeply I was interested in our talk and how earnestly I hope that light and peace may come after all your perplexity and darkness. I have hoped that you might be back in New York sometime this spring and that you would come in again. If there is any way in which I can be of service to you in the experience through which you have been passing, I hope you will let me know.

Have you ever read a little book by R.E.Welsch, entitled, "In Relief of Doubt"? If not, and if the questions about which we talked are still preplexing you, I wish you would get it and read it.
You might be interested also in a book by Richard Armstrong, an English writer who died two years ago, entitled, "God and the Soul". It was sent me a few days ago by a friend in Nova Scotia, who had found it a great help to him. I have not read it all, and with some of the things that I have read I disagree, but there is very much in it that I think is true. It reminds me of the remark independently made by several of our best religious teachers in the middle of the last century, that most creeds and preachers are right in what they affirm and wrong in what they deny. In its confirmation of God, I believe this little book of Armstrong's may be serviceable to you.
If you cannot get access to these two little books, and care to read them, I should be glad to try to get copies of them for you.

Meanwhile, I know that every man has his battle to fight against many foes besides the intellectual search in which he is engaged, and I venture to send under separate cover a little pamphlet on the subject of a man's fight, which may have at least the value of urging you to believe that victory of every sort waits for the man who will not be content without it.

If I have followed up an interview which you would rather have regarded as closed when it was over, please forgive me but believe that it has been due to my very earnest interest in you and the hope that you may not be content until you have found the very best things.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer

Dictated June 7th
Pamphlet under separate cover

June 17th, 1907.

The Rev. Thomas W. Swan,

New Brighton, Pa.

My dear Mr. Swan:-

Your very kind letter is just received.

I wish I could look forward to accepting your invitation, but it will not be possible. I have already promised to spend as much of October as I can get away from the offices among the Synods of the Southwest, and the experience of the last year has shown that it will not be possible for me, whose responsibility is primarily in the office here, to be away in the field so much.

Mr. McConaughy, whose whole time and strength are given to the development of the field work in the East, would, however, I know, be glad to do anything in his power to help in the Conference in Beaver County and to see that the outcome is as fruitful as possible. He is now in the offices, and I know would be glad to take up the matter with you. His address is,

Mr. David McConaughy,

156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

If you wish, I can turn over to him your kind note to me.

With best wishes, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated June 12th.

June 17th, 1907.

Mr. H. C. Coleman,

Norristown, Pa.

My dear Horace:-

I am sorry that Mr.Strong's letter was not enclosed in my note of the 6th. I am told that it was sent on by the next mail, and I hope it has already reached you.

In it he said that they would have to plan their summer so as not to be at an expense of more than $40.00 a week, but I did not gather from his letter how many were in the party. I think that there are only Mr. and Mrs.Strong and one child, but they may perhaps have been intending to have someone else with them.

It is hard to sit still down here and hear of such good fishing on the Diamond and the Mohawk. It will not be many weeks now, however, before we can be trying some of it.

I leave to-morrow for ten days at the summer Student Conferences, returning a week from Monday.

Very affectionately yours,

Robert E.

Dictated June 12th.

June 17th, 1907.

Miss Jessie Dudley Shackford,

South Hadley, Mass.

My dear Miss Shackford:-

Your kind note of May 9th came just as I was leaving for the General Assembly.

I am sorry to have to say that I cannot definitely promise now to get up for any Sunday this coming college year, although I shall be very glad, if it becomes possible, to do so; and if when I come later to make out my schedule I find that I can come for some Sunday, I shall be glad to let you know.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer

Dictated June 7th.

June 18th, 1907.

Miss Mabel T. Everett,
c/o Students Conference,
Silver Bay, N. Y.

My dear Miss Everett:-

Your kind note of yesterday is just received.

I understand my Silver Bay appointment as you do, and shall be on hand for the evening meeting of June 29th. I shall have to drive up to Ticonderoga Sunday night, after the meeting on Sunday afternoon, if I am not needed for the meeting Sunday night, in order to take the midnight train to New York, as I have to be here for Monday, July 1st.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer

Dictated June 12th.

Mr. and Mrs. Speer regret very much their inability to accept the kind invitation of the trustees and faculty of Mt. Holyoke College to be present at the Commencement Exercises.

Mt. Holyoke College
South Hadley, Mass.

June 17th,1907.

Mr. William R. Corwine,

501 Fifth Ave., City.

Dear Sir:-

I appreciate your kind invitation to see the work of the St.John's Guild at New Dorp, and I wish I could accept it; but I leave this week for the South and the West, and shall not be back until week after next.

Very truly yours,

Dictated June 12th.

June 19th, 1907.

Mr. Henry Tod,
45 North Castle Street,
Edinburgh, Scotland.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of May 28th, with reference to the Duff Lectureship, has been received.

I appreciate highly the honor of my nomination as lecturer, and shall lay the matter at once before our Board. If it has no objection to my accepting, I shall be very glad to do so. I shall hope to send you definite word within a fortnight.

The Trust Deed of the Lectureship, which you spoke of enclosing with your letter of May 28th, has not been received.

I am very grateful for the kind terms of your letter, and shall look forward with great pleasure to the work which the Lectureship involves, If, as I feel confident will be the case, our Board approves of my acceptance.

Very faithfully yours,

Dictated June 13th.

June 19th, 1907.

Mr. Fred Vinton,
Blair Academy,
Blairstown, N. J.

My dear Fred:-

Your father writes, asking me whether I would be willing to take you with me to Seattle this summer.

I am sorry to have to say that I shall not be going out to the Christian Endeavor Convention there and cannot take you, as I would be glad to do if I were going and if you are intending to spend your summer out there. I am sorry to have to say that I do not know of anyone else who is going; but if you plan to go, I think we can easily find someone who would be glad to have you go with him. I shall be away for ten days, but Mr. Day would be glad to arrange anything while I am gone.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer

Dictated June 13th.

June 18th,1907.

Mr. Clifford W. Barnes,

Lake Forest, Ills.

My dear Mr. Barnes:-

I shall be very glad to become a member of the Advisory Council of the International Committee on Moral Training.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer

Dictated June 12th.

June 18th,1907.

Mr. R. H. S. Whitney,
c/o Stone,
200 West 101st St., City.

My dear Mr. Whitney:-

I was away from New York when your notes of the 14th and 24th were received, and am leaving again to-day for ten days absence. On returning, I shall hope to be able to have the pleasure of seeing you again.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer

Dictated June 13th.

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June 19th,1907.

Dr.M.M.Vinton,
15 Halstead Place,
East Orange, N. J.

My dear Dr. Vinton:-

I am enclosing herewith a copy of Dr.Vinton's letter to Mr.Speer, together with a copy of Mr.Speer's letter to Fred.

Trusting this will give you the information which you desire, I am

Yours very sincerely,

Secretary to Mr.Robert E.Speer.

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June 18th,1907.

Mr. F. N. Smith, Sec'y,
The Philadelphian Society,
Princeton, N. J.

My dear Mr. Smith:-

Your letter of June 17th, enclosing check for $6.00 has been received in Mr.Speer's absence.

Thanking you in his behalf, I am

Very sincerely yours,

(Miss) May Hughes

Secretary to Mr.Robert E.Speer.

June 17th, 1907.

Miss Janet Lewis,
Kinsford,
King County, Wash.

My dear Janet:-

Mrs.Speer and I have received your good letters and were very glad to hear from you. I have not seen Miss Morrison since the day she came in to go out to lunch with Mrs.Speer, and I do not know how long it has been since Mrs.Speer saw her. I think she is getting along very well, however. Her uncle, Robert, was in New York recently and left my office to go to find her.

Mrs. Denning, of whom you ask, is not one of our missionaries, but a missionary of the Methodist Episcopal Board, I believe.

I think the best little book on the non-Christian Religions for you to read would be Grant's "Religions of the World" and Kellogg's "Comparative Religion"; and I think probably the best book for you to read on Buddhism would be Kellogg's "Light of Asia and Light of the World".

Mr. and Mrs.Luce went back to China sometime ago and were present at the great conference in Shanghai.

We have had no correspondence with Miss Boughton for a long time, but her old home is at Nassau, New York, where a letter would probably reach her.

Dr.Brown tells me that Mr. and Mrs. Mason Wells returned to China in May, and that Dr. and Mrs. Neal are expected home sometime in August.

Mrs.Hunter Corbett returned to China about two months ago.

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Dr.Howard Agnew Johnston is moving around a good deal, but I think you could reach him at any time at 118 Monument Place, Indianapolis, Indiana.

We have just had the full newspaper reports of the Shanghai Conference, and it has been a wonderful gathering.

I hope that you may have a very pleasant and restful summer, and, with kind regards from Mrs.Speer and myself, I am

Your sincere friend,

Robert E. Speer

Dictated June 7th.

June 20th, 1907.

Mrs. George Wood,
Divonne-Les-Bains,
Ain, France.

My dear Mrs. Wood:-

It is some months since your most kind and sympathetic and helpful letter, written just before Christmas, came to Mrs.Speer and me, and we are very grateful indeed for your loving words. Our hearts have gone out to you, too, in your sorrow and disappointment at having to leave the field, and I hope even yet that you may become strong again so as to be able, if it is God's will, to go back again.

The Arabic emblem came safely, and I have had it in my office ever since, there it has attracted the attention of many. An Armenian ex-attache of the Turkish consul in Washington came in a little while ago, and his eye was naturally at once attracted by it, and it caught Post's vision the moment he came in.

We are expecting Dr.Hoskins to be out in our home for Monday night. He expects to speak to our Women's Missionary Society in the afternoon.

I often take the subway at 18th Street and 4th Avenue, the corner of the Florence, and many times are reminded of you in the old days when you dwelt there.

It will be a great pleasure to hear from you sometime that you are getting quite well, and it is always a pleasure to think of you and of all the love and kindness that you have shown to many, not least to us, who return the love and wish we might have an opportunity to return the kindness.

With warm regards from us both,

Dictated June 7th.

Very sincerely yours,

Robert Speer

June 26th, 1907.

The Rev. Chas. R. Watson,
Witherspoon Bldg.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Watson:-

I am very grateful for the little booklet on "Life Plans", which I find on my desk this morning on returning from a trip among the Student Conferences. I have already read parts of it, and shall look forward with expectation to reading it all.

With sincere gratitude for all God is enabling you to do, I am

Ever your friend,

Dictated June 25th.

June 26th, 1907.

Mr. Arthur E. Cushman,

Gouverneur, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Cushman:-

Your kind note of the 17th has been received.

I am sorry it will not be possible for me to accept your kind invitation. As I have already other engagements for all of my Sundays in August.

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated June 25th.

June 26th, 1907.

Mr. B. R. Stout,
c/o Wm.J.Oliver Mfg.Co.,
Knoxville, Tenn.

Dear Mr.Stout:-

Your letter of June 12th came just after I had left for the Student Conferences at Asheville. I only returned to my office this morning, and write at once in reply to your letter.

I think the address to which you refer was printed some years ago in the Report of the State Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association, of Pennsylvania, which was held at Lancaster, Pa. If copies of that Report could be obtained anywhere, it would be from the State Committee of the Y.M.C.A., Calder Building, Harrisburgh, Pa. If I had any extra copies of it, I should be glad to send you one. I am not absolutely sure that it is in the Report to which I referred, but I think it is.

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated June 25th.

June 26th,1907.

Mr. W. R. Moody,

East Northfield, Mass.

My dear Will:-

I have been off for ten days, and shall have to stick to work pretty closely this week, so that I doubt whether I shall be able to get down to the meeting at Mr.Baker's Bank on Thursday. I shall go if I can.

I have received a notice of my election as trsutee of the Mt.Hermon Boys' School, to serve for the ensuing year, and shall be very glad to accept.

Mr.William T. Ellis, of whom you ask, is a newspaper writer in Philadelphia, who is connected with the "Philadelphia Press" and also with the Presbyterian paper called the "Westminster". He used to be connected with the "Christian Endeavor World", and later with our Presbyterian Board of Publication in Philadelphia. He spent the last year visiting the mission fields and writing up missionary work for secular papers. He did the work very well, and made an address at a meeting in connection with our General Assembly in Columbus. He spoke of his impressions very effectively.
A good many things were tremendous discoveries to him, which are not novel to those who have been working at Missions, but which he can put all the more effectively,because they are so new and fresh to him, to those hearers at home who know nothing, or know so much that is not so, about Missions.

Ellis rubs some people the wrong way, and he has been regarded by some as a little irreligious, but I believe that his missionary presentation is valuable and effective, and will be especially so with men.

I just got back to-day from four of the Student Conferences, and go up to Silver Bay for Sunday, and to Northfield. As you know, for the following

two Sundays.

Hoping to see you this week, I am

Ever affectionately yours,

Dictated June 25th.

June 26th, 1907.

Mr. H. P. Andersen,

3 West 29th Street , City.

My dear Mr. Andersen:-

Your kind note is received, and I shall be glad to go at once to the Betsey Moody Cottage.

If I am not wanted until the platform meeting Saturday evening, then I shall not come up until Saturday afternoon; and if you could do without me until then, it would be a convenience to me, although if you want me for Saturday morning, I shall come up on the late train Friday night.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated June 25th.

June 25th,1907.

Mr. H. C. Coleman,

Norristown, Pa.

My dear Horace:-

I have been away the last ten days, attending the Summer Student Conferences in the South and West, and only returned this morning.

I find here letters from Mr.Strong, stating that, not having heard from us, he has felt obliged to close with another proposition, which will take him and his family to Maine. I have written to him, asking him to try even now to change, but I am afraid he will not be able to do so, and am more sorry than I can tell that the mistake in leaving out his letter from my letter to you was the cause of the delay. We shall hope to have him some other summer, however, if he cannot come this one.

A letter from Mr.Fitch, from Wooster, Ohio, which has just come, says that he and his family are starting next Wednesday. I am delighted that they can go, as I believe it will mean new health to both Mr. and Mrs.Fitch.

We hope to be able to leave here two weeks from Saturday, spending Sunday, the 14th of July, at Northfield, and getting up to Colebrook Monday night so as to be ready to go out to Camp Tuesday morning, July 16th.

If you are in New York again before you go up, please be sure to spend the night in Englewood.

Ever affectionately yours,

June 25th,1907.

The Rev. John H. Strong,
287 Westminster Road,
Rochester, New York.

My dear John:-

I just returned to my office this morning, and learn to my deep regret that word from Mr.Coleman came too late, and that you had already closed with another proposition.

I wish that even now you could be released from the Maine proposition and come to Diamond Pond. Please do not let the matter pass without trying to adjust it. It won't be the same summer unless we can have you and Mrs.Strong.

With warmest love,

Ever your friend,

June 27th, 1907.

Mr. C. C. Trumbull,

1031 Walnut Street,

Philadelphia, PA.

My dear Charlie:

I enclose herewith copy for the Young People's [illegible] follows:

August 4th
September 8th
September 1st
September 15th
September 22nd.

I think I sent you all the copy for July. If there was any meeting for which I did not send you copy, I think it was for July 21st. If I failed on any of the July meetings, will you kindly let me know at once? Copy for August 25th and September 29th will follow very soon after these.

I return herewith the letters which you sent me to read, from your correspondent in New England. Life is a very tragic thing beneath its smooth surface, and if we did not know from our own experiences how tragic it was, we might easily be deceived regarding it.

I was very glad to read this correspondence, but humiliated at your reference to me in your letter. Those are the last adjectives to which I have any claim.

You omitted to send the open letter note on Divorce, and I have missed seeing that in my paper. There is only one place in the Gospels where our Lord is cited as approving of divorce, and there it is for one cause only, and the cause which makes Him approve of divorce is regarded by many critical scholars as a gloss, inasmuch as the parallel passage in another Gospel makes His condemnation of divorce absolute. I have spoken on the matter, briefly, in my little book, "The Principles of Jesus."

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Enclosures.

Dictated June 26th.

June 28th,1907.

Mr. R. H. S. Whitney,
c/o Stone,
200 West 101st St.,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Whitney:-

I got back this week from my last trip, and shall be in New York until the middle of July with the exception of Sundays.

Could you come and lunch with me on Wednesday, July 3rd, at a quarter of one, or one? If that day or hour is inconvenient, won't you let me know when you could come?

Very cordially yours,

Dictated June 27th.

June 27th, 1907.

Mr. F. P. Turner,
5 West 28th Street,
New York City.

My dear Turner:

Before leaving for Asheville, I got some copies of "What Constitutes a Missionary Call." The bill was received just as I was leaving, which explains my delay in remitting, as I do herewith.

Very cordially yours,

Enclosure.

June 28th.,1907.

The Rev. John Timothy Stone,
Brown Memorial Manse,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear John:-

It was a delight to get last evening, when I got home late, your good letter of June 24th, but it grieves me to hear that the fishing is so poor. If it is poor now on the Swift Diamond, what will it be later in the summer? We shall have to take to cameras and studying the habits of little birds and little beasties; and that is dangerous, because if we say anything about it out loud, the President may get after you and call you a William J. Long or a Thompson Seton, or some other terrible name. However, I do not believe that the little fishes will be all gone out of the upper waters of the four-mile brook, and we will get some if we have to go to Parmachenee Lake.

Elliott was greatly interested to hear about the young bear cub on Pond Brook. Maybe he will be a little bigger later in the season and will come over and make a visit to the Camp. Elliott is sitting just beside me as I am writing at home to-day, and he looks very solemn at the idea of that bear cub coming over to camp. I think we ought to have a bear cub or two around, who would do what we would tell them, and who would attend to the children when they get into mischief.

Won't you have a night or two to spend somewhere in or about New York before you sail? Still, I see that you probably will go on board Monday night, July 8th, and, I suppose, have an engagement for Sunday. That is the Sunday I have to be at Northfield at the Student Conference.

Did you thank Mr. Ibbotson for the rod he sent me? If you will

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let me have his address, I should like to write to him, thanking him myself.

Hoping to get a glimpse of you before you sail, and, if not, then looking for you at Camp on the 12th or 13th, I am

Ever lovingly yours,

Dictated June 27th.

June 26th, 1907.

[illegible] W. Bertholf,
Ford-Ricker Building,
Trenton, N. J.

Dear Sir:

I have pleasure in enclosing herewith a [illegible] check for the work of your society. I [illegible] it were possible to send more.

Very sincerely yours,

Enclosure.

June 26th, 1907.

Mr. Delavan L. Pierson,

East Northfield, MASS.

My dear Del:

I got back to my office yesterday, and found your letter of the 14th awaiting me.

I don't know all the men on your list. The only "Barr" whom I know in Detroit is not Alex. Barr, but Alfred E. Barr, who was in my class in college and whom you must remember well. He is doing a splendid work there, and would be a fine man for your church, but I do not believe that he would leave Detroit to come. Odell, Janvier and Waddell would also be good men for you, but Waddell has been in Doylestown for only a couple of years, and Janvier has refused to leave his church to take up work with the Board, on the ground that if he left that church at all, he would leave it to go back to India, which he hopes to do. Odell has a large church, stronger in every way than yours, and with a large field. He might be drawn by the missionary spirit to come to Brooklyn, but I think it would be on that ground that you would have to present the matter to him. He is said to be a remarkable preacher. He is full of the missionary purpose since his return from a trip around the world, and he is also, I am told, an inveterate smoker.

Stevenson, of Schenectady, is a very fine man and would be well worth your considering. I do not know how strong a preacher he is. He is a good missionary man and has a fine wife.

The Briarcliff man of whom you speak I have heard of from various

personal as an extraordinary preacher, but I cannot understand why he has stayed so long in that small field, if he is so strong a man. It may be that all that is said of him is true, and that he has simply been waiting until what he deemed the right kind of an opportunity, came.

The only other men on your list, whom I am able to speak about, are Hugh Hodge and Montgomery. Hodge was a Senior when we were Freshmen. He is a dear friend of mine and a devoted man, but I don't know whether he is flexible enough or a sufficiently effective speaker for your field. Montgomery I know as one of our most energetic missionary leaders in Ohio. David McCaughey knows him much better than I do. His name has been mentioned in connection with Field Secretary work under our Board, but nothing has been done in this direction.

I think it is well worth your while looking up the men of whom I wrote to the other member of your Committee, and whose names I do not see on the list you sent. On your list, if I were you, I would follow up Barr, Janvier, Odell, Waddell and Stevenson.

Very affectionately yours,

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June 26th, 1907.

Mr. Charles ~~Gauthey~~ Elkins,

730 Park Avenue,

New York City.

My dear ~~Gauthey~~ Elkins:

I enclose herewith the lines which I promised to send you.

Very cordially yours,

Enclosure.

June 26th, 1907.

Mr. Frank Slack,

3 West 29th Street,

New York City.

My dear Mr. Slack:

I enclose herewith the lines which I promised to send you.

Very cordially yours,

Enclosure.

June 28th, 1927.

The Rev. John D. Countermine, D.D.,
1021 Central Ave.,
Ocean City, N. J.

My dear Dr. Countermine:-

I have been away on a convention trip, and on returning this week found your kind note of June 18th and the copy of "Daybreak Everywhere" awaiting me.

I am so far behind in my correspondence and work and reading that I have only had time to glance at the book, and do not know when I shall be able to give it the thorough reading which I shall hope to be able to give it--not, I fear, for some months. I have a row of books behind my desk at home, thirty or forty of which I have promised to review, and some of which have been waiting for a year or two.

I do appreciate more than I can tell your kindness in thinking of me. I have the warmest memories of my stay with you and Mrs. Countermine in Topeka.

With warm regards to you both, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated June 27th.

June 28th, 1907.

The Rev. Harvey E. Cassalberry,

Ocean City, Md.

My dear Mr. Cassalberry:

Your kind note is received, and I wish I could accept your cordial invitation, but I have already arrangements for all of my Sundays in August, which will make it impossible for me to come.

It is possible that some one of our good men from the foreign field may be available, and Dr. Nelson's office would be glad to take this matter up with you if you would care to have some one of them come.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated June 27th.

June 29th,1907.

The Rev.H.P.Pryor,

Nashville, Tenn.

My dear Mr.Pryor:-

Your very kind letter of June 11th was received while I was away attending some Student Conventions in the South and West.

I wrote you before leaving with reference to the Synod of Tennessee, which I should rejoice to attend, but which I am sure, in view of the late date of the Synod, it will not be possible for me to do, as I must be back in New York the last week in October. I shall hope to get to some of the other Synods in the South and the Southwest, which meet earlier.

Thanking you heartily for your kind invitation, I am

Very cordially yours,

Dictated June 27th.

June 28th, 1907.

Mr. Chas. Butler,

1100 Broadway, New York City.

My Dear Mr. Banners:-

On returning home this week I found your kind note of June 17th with the enclosed papers, the two abstracts of title, the diagram of the property, and the deed of the original purchase from Mr. Montgomery, and nothing that the new deed would follow as soon as received.

Thanking you heartily for all your kind help, I am

Very faithfully yours,

Enclosed June 27th.

July 1st, 1907.

The Rev. J. Gilmour Smith, Ph.D.,

Greenfield, Indiana.

My dear Dr. Smith:-

Your note of June 6th was received some days ago.

I should be glad to be the means of bringing a good man and a good church together, but I do not know anyone in Muncie, and I do not know Mr. Sweet, although I think I know of him. Could you not see that the friends at Muncie are informed about him, and make full inquiries?

Very cordially yours,

Dictated June 27th.

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Mr. [illegible],
Young Men's Christian Association,
[illegible] N. Y.

My dear Mr. [illegible]:-

Your letter of May 21st was received while I was away at our General Assembly, and I have been away most of the time since.

I have given the cordial invitation which has come from you and Mr. Willis and Mr. Robinson very careful consideration, but I do not think that I shall be able to come up to Lake George in August. If I can arrange it some other year, I shall be glad to do so; but conditions at Home and in the office are both such as make me feel that it would be better for me not to be away at that time.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated June 27th.

July 1st, 1907.

Mr. E. M. Robinson,

3 West 29th Street, City.

My dear Mr. Robinson:-

I am sorry to have to say that I have just written to Mr. Hawkins that I do not think it will be possible for me to come up to Lake George for this August.

Conditions at home and in the office, and in connection with some other work on which I have got behind and which must be done this summer, combine to make me feel that it will not be practicable to be away. If some other year it may be possible for me to come up, I shall be very glad indeed to come.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated June 27th.

June 29th, 1907.

Mr. H. H. Willis,
215 West 23rd Street,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Willis:

I am sorry to have to say that I have just written to Mr. Hawkins that I do not think it will be possible for me to come up to Lake George for this August.

Conditions at home and in the office, and in connection with some other work on which I have got behind and which must be done this summer, combine to make me feel that it will not be practicable to be away. If some other year it may be possible for me to come up, I shall be very glad indeed to come.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated June 27th.

June 28th, 1907.

Mr. Charles G. Trumbull,

1031 Walnut Street,

Philadelphia, PA.

My dear Charlie:

Some time ago, I received the enclosed letter, which will be self-explanatory.

I wrote at once in reply to Mr. Stevenson, telling him that the story as quoted by me in "The Sunday School Times" was taken from a leaflet bearing the imprint of the American Sunday School Union; that the story in that leaflet contained no mention of communities such as Cedar Rapids and Minneapolis, as the version of the story in the "Anniversary Bulletin," which he sent, did; and that the connection in which the story was printed could, as I remembered the leaflet, though I may be in error, make no other impression on the reader's mind than that the scene of the story was in the Southern Mountains. Unfortunately, I no longer have the leaflet from which the story was quoted, and have been unable to get a duplicate of it as yet.

You will be able to judge whether it is worth while referring to the matter in "The Sunday School Times." It might be wise and sufficient to state just in a word in the paper that the leaflet from which the story was quoted contained no mention of places that would locate it, and that, rightly or wrongly, the impression was left that the incident had occurred in the Southern Mountains.

Very affectionately yours,

Robert E. Speer

Dictated June 25th.

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June 28th, 1907

Mr. M. D. Stevenson,

1105 Main Street,

Kansas City, Mo.

My dear Mr. Stevenson:

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter which I have just written to the editor of the "Sunday School Times," with reference to the story of "Tim."

As I have stated, the story was copied in my article from a leaflet bearing the imprint of the American Sunday School Union. In that version of the story, Cedar Rapids and Minnesota, the localities mentioned in the copy you sent, were eliminated, and, as I recollect, although I may be mistaken, the distinct impression was made on the reader's mind that the incident occurred in the Southern Mountains. I am sorry that thus far it has been impossible to get a copy of the leaflet from which I quoted.

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated June 27th.

July 1st, 1907.

The Rev. F. Boyd Edwards,
183 Eighth Avenue,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

My dear Boyd:-

I am very much obliged for your kind letter of June 13th with its enclosed quotation.

I must confess to being a little backward on Dr. VanDyke's poetry, much to my discredit. I appreciate very much your kindness in sending this bit, although I am humiliated to think of your tying up such ideals to me. They are the kind of ideals I preach and wish I might realize, but I know too well my own limitations to exaggerate the measure of my success.

It was a pleasure to meet your father-in-law a little while ago on the railroad train, as I was going out to the General Assembly.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated June 27th.

July 2nd, 1907.

The Rev. George G. Merrill,

Buffalo, New York.

My dear George:-

I wish I could have attended the consecration of St.Marys on the Hill last month. I was glad to get the invitation, and would gladly have been there myself had it been possible.

I hope that you and Mrs.Merrill and the little girl are all well. We are all well here and enjoying the day--a perfect June day, after some very sultry weather. Won't you be down sometime this summer? Please be sure to stop in whenever you are in New York.

Ever affectionately yours,

Dictated June 27th.

July 2nd, 1907.

Mrs. Alexander,

10 West 54th Street, New York City.

My dear Mrs. Alexander:-

Your good letter, written at the close of the New Missionaries' Conference, was a great delight to us all. I am so glad that you were able to come to as many of the meetings, and I hope that you may be able to come to as many, or more, next year.

I think everyone who was there that last morning felt that it was just as you expressed it--a heavenly place--such trust and love and perfect sympathy. I hope that next year we may have an even larger company.

I left shortly after the Conference to attend a number of the Summer Student Conferences, returning only day before yesterday to the office. We hope to get away about the middle of next month for Northern New Hampshire.

I hope that you may have a pleasant summer at Seabright.

Very affectionately yours,

Dictated June 27th.

July 1st, 1907.

Mr. C. C. Kilborne,

74 Broadway,

New York City.

My dear Mr. Kilborne:

I am sorry that it will not be possible for me to accept your kind invitation to speak at the Annual State Conference on Boys' Work at Ridgewood, in October. October is the month in which our Synods meet, and I shall be away most of that month attending the meetings. I hope to be back by the end of the month, but shall then be tied down to the office, overtaking the work that will have accumulated.

Very cordially yours,

July 1st, 1907.

Mr. Charles D. Hilles,

106 West 27th Street,

New York City.

My dear Mr. Hilles;

I am sorry it will not be possible for me to attend the meeting of the A. I. and D. Committee next Friday. I have to take the four o'clock train to Northfield, where I am due to speak the following morning.

Very cordially yours,

July 1st, 1907.

Mr. E. M. Willis,

Silver Bay, Lake George,

New York.

My dear Mr. Willis:

I reached Addison Junction last evening in good time for the train.

I settled with the driver, paying him Five Dollars ($5.00), which he said was the bill. I thought I had better let you know so that the livery stable would not send in any charge to you.

Very cordially yours,

July 1st, 1907.

Miss Emma Hayes,

1012 Locust Street,

Walnut Hill, Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Miss Hayes:

Your very kind note of June 27th has been received. I wish I could accept your invitation, but it will not be possible for me to do so, I have to be away for most of October in connection with meetings of our Synods, and on returning at the end of October shall have to stay in the office for a while, overtaking the work that will have accumulated.

Very sincerely yours,

July 1st, 1907.

Mr. A. O. Dawson,

% D. Morrice Sons and Company,

Montreal, Canada.

My dear Mr. Dawson:

Your kind letter of June 26th has been received. I wish I could accept your cordial invitation, but it will not be possible for me to come up to Montreal this Fall. October is the month in which our Presbyterian Synods meet, and I shall have to be away from my office most of that month, in attendance upon those meetings. The time just before and after I shall have to give to my work here.

I believe thoroughly in the work the Laymen's Missionary Movement is projecting, and have found the meetings in Chicago, Toronto and elsewhere, which I have attended, so useful and profitable that I should be glad to come to the proposed meeting in Montreal, but do not see how I could possibly get the time for it this Fall.

Very cordially yours,

July 1st, 1907.

The Rev. S. M. Zwemer, D. D.,

Holland, Mich.

My dear Sam:

I send many affectionate congratulations to you and Mrs. Zwemer, and a loving welcome to little Mary Moffat.

I am glad to hear of the baptisms in Arabia, and trust that before long both there and in Persia the break may come and the Mohammedan's grip be relaxed.

I hope that it may not be long before you are here, and that I may see your blessed face again.

Very affectionately yours,

July 3rd, 1921.

Mr. Carl R. Kowalk,
40 Hackley Street,
Montclair, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

Your letter of June 23rd, which was forwarded from the "Sunday School Times," is just received.

This very week I have been looking over a copy of the little magazine of the National Bible Institute, and on page 140 I find a notice of a book for Adult Bible Classes, which may be of help to you. I am sending you herewith a copy of the magazine with the notice marked.

I would suggest your getting the Bible Study publications of the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association, 5 West 125th Street, New York City. I think they would be very helpful to you, and I would suggest, also, your asking Mr. Andrew Stevenson, The First National Bank Bldg., Chicago, Ill., to give you the benefit of the experience of the Young Men's Presbyterian Union of Chicago, which is built up of young men's Bible Classes in the various congregations.

Very sincerely yours,

Enclosure.

July 5th, 1937

The Rev. H. G. Buehler,

Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Mr. Buehler:-

I am very glad to reply to your inquiry regarding the application for admission to Hotchkiss of Frederick Shaw, Jr.

His father and mother have been among my friends from childhood, and we are neighbors in Englewood. They are lovely Christian people, and their home is just the sort of a home from which you would be glad to get your boys. Frederick is a manly lad, who recently connected himself with our Church. I have no hesitation in recommending him. Details as to his scholarship and ability, I cannot give. I can only speak with heartiest approval of his home, and of all that I know of the boy's character and spirit.

I suppose that this letter is opened by someone else in your absence, but I shall enclose with it a letter which I dictated on June 28th, intending it to catch you before you sailed, but it was delayed here in the office. Would September 22nd do for my first visit, or is the school not open until later?

Your sincere friend,

July 2nd, 1907.

The Rev. H. G. Buehler,

Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Mr. Buehler:-

I am not sure whether I can come for an earlier Sunday than December 15th or not, unless September 22nd would do, but I presume the school is not open at that time. It may be possible for me to come for some Sunday late in November, but I cannot answer definitely on that point yet.

I hope that you and Mrs. Buehler may have a fine time abroad.

With warm regards,

Yours sincere friend,

Dictated June 28th.

July 5th, 1907.

President John Willis Baer,

Los Angeles, Calif.

My dear John:-

I should think it would help the President of your association to get the list of topics which Mrs. John Meigs gets up for the Y.M.C.A. at the Hill School, and also the list published by the Christian Endeavor Societies. I think there must also be lists published by the College Dept. of the National Committee; and it may be that some of the class prayer meetings at Yale and Princeton have lists; they used to in the old days. Henry B. Wright, Dwight Hall, New haven, Conn., and Lewis H. Miller, Princeton, N.J., would be able to put you in the way of anything Yale and Princeton get up.

Very affectionately yours,

July 5th, 1907.

Miss Daisy May Griggs,
137 College Ave.,
St.Paul, Minn.

My dear Miss Griggs:-

Your kind letter is just received.

I do not know how you could have gained the impression that I was expecting to attend the Christian Endeavor Convention at Seattle, as I have had no purpose of going there. If I were going and could stop off for the meeting, as you suggest, I should be very happy to do so.

Very cordially yours,

July 5th, 1907.

Mr. Edward M. Ballentine,
4816 Germantown Ave.,
Germantown, Pa.

Dear Mr. Ballentine:-

Your note of yesterday is just received.

I am sorry it will not be possible for me to accept your invitation for the missionary meeting which it is proposed to hold the first week in October. I have already other arrangements for my time, which will make it impossible for me to come.

Very cordially yours,

July 5th, 1907.

Mr. E. E. Beach,
17 Chamber of Commerce,
Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of July 3rd, making inquiries regarding Dr. Smith, of Warren, Pa., is just received.

I have never heard Dr. Smith preach, and I have no knowledge of his pastoral work. I know him personally, however, and have had a great deal of correspondence and conference with him on the subject of the foreign missionary interests of the church, in which he has always been deeply concerned. My impression of him is that he is a man of energy and force, and that these qualities will characterize his preaching as well as his pastoral work. He is, as I have said, thoroughly interested in foreign missions, and has striven earnestly to increase the gifts of his people to this cause.

I do not know either the Emanuel Church or Dr. Smith well enough to feel warranted in saying that he is the man for your church, but, if I were in your place, some of the questions which I should wish to investigate thoroughly would be,

1st; Is Dr. Smith a sufficiently careful and thoughtful preacher to wear for years?

2nd; Is he wise and conciliatory and patient in his plans of church work?

3rd; Would he be able to win and retain a personal hold on individuals, essential to the best work of the ministry?

A thorough investigation might lead to an affirmative answer to all three of these questions, but they are the points which I would investigate if

I were in your place, and would investigate at Warren.

I have written as fully as my knowledge warrants me in doing, and with the desire to be perfectly just both to Dr. Smith and to the Emmanuel Church.

Very sincerely yours,

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July 5th, 1907.

Ticket Agent,
New York Central Railroad,
Clifton Springs, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

Will you kindly reserve a lower berth from Clifton Springs to New York for me on the evening train, Thursday, July 11th?

Very truly yours,

July 5th, 1907.

Miss Eleanor Irene Burns,
217 Radcliffe St.,
Bristol, Pa.

My dear Miss Burns:-

I was intending to write to Wellesley to get your address when your good letter of Wednesday was received.

What I said Sunday evening was only the same thing that I had said in our talk together, and I said it practically because I thought perhaps there might be others--indeed, I had no doubt there were--whose difficulty was the same as yours. I think it is the most natural spiritual difficulty. It is certainly the trouble which effects many who have not yet made, or who are just making, a public confession of Christ. Oftentimes, men and women will tell you that they have no feelings which seem to them adequate to justify so great a step. We always urge upon them that what it is right to do, it is right to do whatever our feelings may be. The same difficulty and the same answer, it seems to me, are found all the way along the Christian life.

I had quite a correspondence a year or two ago with a student in Princeton, whose difficulty was that his feelings were intermittent; that at times they were all there, and at other times they were all gone, and if he was only to act in accordance with his feelings, his actions would have to be intermittent also; his loyalty to truth, his obedience to duty would come and go. I urged upon him, of course, that we had no right to subject righteousness to our moods, or to make temperamental caprices superior to truth and duty; and when, at last, he asked for some definite rules, I sent him some, a copy of which I enclose, although they are not rules, but suggestions of principles.

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I do think that your difficulty is a very real one, but, happily, it is one which you can readily define to yourself, and so, with God's help, more easily overcome.

Very cordially yours,

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Rev. Henry Todd, D. D.,

45 North Castle Street,

Edinburgh, Scotland.

Dear Sir:

Through an oversight, the matter of my acceptance of the Duff Lectureship did not come before our Board at its meeting in June when I was away. It was presented, however, at its meeting on Monday of this week, and I was encouraged to accept the appointment, which I do with great pleasure.

I presume that the period for the delivery of the lectures in the Winter or the Spring of 1909 or 1910 may be left for determination later. The most convenient time for me, I think, would depend somewhat on whether it is proposed to hold the Ecumenical Conference in Edinburgh in the Spring of 1910.

Very faithfully yours,

July 5th, 1909.

The Rev. George Robson, D.D.,

38 Murray Field Road,

Edinburgh, SCOTLAND.

My dear Dr. Robson:

Through an oversight, the matter of my acceptance of the Duff Lectureship did not come before our Board at its meeting in June when I was away. It was presented, however, at its meeting on Monday of this week, and I was encouraged to accept the appointment, which I do with great pleasure.

I have been thinking how it may be possible for me to get away that year for the lectures and also to attend the Ecumenical Conference, in case you have decided to arrange for the Conference in Edinburgh in 1910. I presume it will be held in June, and in that case I fear that it would be impossible for me to come back to the Conference if the lectures were held in the late Winter. Mr. Tead speaks of the months from January to April as the ordinary months for the lectureship, but I notice that in your letter you suggest any time between October and March. Would November be too early, if I should find that the most convenient month to be away?

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

July 5th, 1907.

Mr. Russell Carter,

Gloversville, New York.

My dear Russell:

I enclose herewith a copy of the prospectus of the Pocono Conference and also a copy of the prospectus of the Silver Bay Young People's Conference.

I am glad to know that you had such a good visit from Mr. Wiley. He writes very briefly of his visit.

Your sincere friend,

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Mr. F. B. Tibbitts,

926 Market Street,

Wilmington, DEL.

My dear Mr. Tibbitts:

I am sorry to have to say that it will not be possible for me to accept your invitation for December 8th, as I have already engagements, either tentative or final, for all my Sundays for the rest of this calendar year.

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated July 3rd.

July 5th, 1907.

Mr. William Arthur Snell,

Station H.,

Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Snell,

Your kind note of June 17th was received while I was away from New York, and I write at the first opportunity after returning, in reply.

I am sorry that it will not be possible for me to accept your invitation for the latter part of September. I have all early other arrangements for all my time in September, which will prevent my coming down to Washington for the proposed Christian Endeavor Meeting.

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated July 3rd.

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Miss Mary C. Jaeslin,

615 Euclid Avenue,

Toronto, Canada.

Dear Miss Jaeslin:

I trust that this letter may reach you, although I have to guess at part of the address as your letter gives only the street address, without the city, and the envelope in which it was contained was thrown away the time it was received during my absence from the city.

I am very sorry to have to say that it will not be possible for me to accept your cordial invitation. I have to be away from New York a good part of October, attending Synod Meetings, and shall only get back at the close of the month and shall then be kept here in the effort to overtake the work that will have accumulated.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated July 3rd.

July 9th, 1907.

Mr. H. C. Coleman,

Norristown, PA.

My dear Horace:

I have been wondering whether, if you do not have all the missionaries you want at Diamond Pond, you would want to think of Mrs. Labaree and her children. She has been working this past year in the Student Volunteer Movement, while her two children, - a fine little boy and girl - have been living with her sister-in-law, Elizabeth Labaree, at Stamford. I know that they would rejoice to go to Diamond Pond, and it would do them a world of good. Her two sisters-in-law, Elizabeth and Mary, are not strong, and it would mean new life to them, also. I asked her frankly about her situation, and she said she could arrange all traveling expenses, and a friend sent me a little money the other day to use for just such people in time of need, and I think $100 of this could justly be put at their service, toward the expenses for board.

If you still want some more true Christian workers who need rest in the camp, you couldn't find worthier ones than these, but I know how much you are already undertaking and imagine the number must already be filled up.

Mrs. Speer says that the Shermans are not going up this Summer, so that with Miss Holmquist taking one of the upstairs rooms in our cabin, there would still be two rooms vacant. I used one for a study last Summer, but I could go back to the tent again, so that there would be two rooms available there for the Labarees. Mrs. Labaree's address is Mrs. N. T. Labaree, 23 North Street, Stamford, Conn., in case you should care to write to her.

As I wrote you, we expect to spend Sunday at Northfield and to go up on Monday. As far as I can make out from the time tables, it isn't possible

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to take the White Mountain Express and get to Colebrook the same night. They seem to have destroyed the connections. I may be wrong, but if I am the time tables are wrong. As far as I can make out, we shall have to leave Northfield at 10.41 Monday morning, and change cars at White River Junction, and I think at Wells River, also. We are all of us eager to go.

I have not heard from Mr. Strong, so that I presume that he cannot change his arrangements. I am glad that Mrs. Huyler and her two boys are coming, though. They are fine boys and she is a good woman.

With warm love from us all, I am

Your affectionate friend,

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P. S. I forgot to mention that Elizabeth Cran is spending the Summer with the Emburees, and I am sorry to have to say, also, that we shall have to leave to come down the night of August 16th, as I find that the offices will be bare that evening, and that no executive officers will be here unless I am here. This will, I am afraid, rule me out of any fishing trips with John Stone this Summer, but you and I must have some good ones and the first must be a little private jaunt over the upper waters of the Four Mile Brook. I have got my eyes shut, and I can see that brook as though I were in it, and the longing to be fishing it with you is beyond all words.

July 7th., 1927.

Mrs. T. F. Labaree,

23 North Street,

Stamford, Conn.

My dear Mrs. Labaree:

I have written to Mr. Coleman with reference to Diamond Pond and I hope that something may come of it. You may hear from him directly, or if he writes to me I shall report to you what he says.

I am very glad indeed if what I said up at Silver Bay was helpful to the girls. I have received several good letters from girls who were there.

Several long letters came the other day from Urumia, among them one from Mab, referring to the station action adverse to Mrs. Cochran's return. They have also advised Mrs. Miller that she ought not to return after her furlough. I will have to write to Mrs. Cochran now, and it will not be a pleasant task.

I might to say that in writing to Mr. Coleman, I have included your two sisters as well as you and the children and Elizabeth Coan in my letter. I had you all in mind when I wrote to you.

With much love from us all, I am

Your sincere Friend,

July 8th, 1907.

Mr. R. P. Anderson,

5 West 23th Street,

New York City.

My dear Mr. Anderson:

I enclose herewith the voucher for the check, enclosed in your kind letter just received.

I enjoyed very much the four conferences, and am more than happy to be of any aid that I can in this way. I do not know what will be possible next year. It grows increasingly difficult to get time for long trips, but I hope it may not be necessary for years to give up this touch with the student field.

I gave Margaret the love letter which Dorothy gave me, and she was greatly pleased with it. She is looking forward joyfully to seeing Dorothy at Camp. We expect to go up from Northfield next Monday. As far as I can figure it out, the connections for Colebrook with the White Mountain Express leaving South Vernon a little after two o'clock in the afternoon have been destroyed, so that to get to Colebrook the same night one has to leave South Vernon at 10.41 in the morning. I may be wrong in this, but this is what the time tables show. If you discover that the old connection still holds, I wish you would let me know just how it can be made.

Very cordially yours,

July 8th, 1907.

Camp Diamond Company,
Diamond Pond, via Colebrook,
N. H.

My dear Mr. Little:-

Mrs. Speer and the children and I hope to reach Colebrook Monday night, July 15th, and will be ready to go out the next morning to Camp. We shall be at the Monadnock House. Will you please send for us there?

I hope that you and all your family are well, and, with kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

July 8th, 1907.

The Monadnock Hotel,

Colebrook, N. H.

Dear Sirs:-

Will you kindly have the stage meet the train arriving at Colebrook 10.05 Monday night, July 15th? And will you please reserve one room with two double beds, or two rooms adjoining, each with a double bed, for myself and family, for the night of July 15th?

Very sincerely yours,

July 9th, 1907.

Mr. C. G. Trumbull,

1061 Walnut Street,

Philadelphia, PA.

My dear Charlie:

I enclose herewith another Young People's Meeting manuscript.

Let me thank you, also, for your good letter of June 28th with its enclosures. I am inclined to agree with you on the divorce question. I have read, for the first time recently, John Stewart Mill on "Liberty," and utterly and radically differ with him in his attitude on the divorce question and on many other points.

I am sorry to have kept so long the papers regarding Mrs. Barakat, but we have not been able to put our hands on any official records as yet, and I did not want to trust my own rather dim memory. I shall write to Dr. Ellinwood, however, on the matter. His memory is phenomenal, and runs over the period in question. I shall hope to hear from him in a few days.

Very affectionately yours,

Dictated July 5th, 1907.

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Mr. John Holmes,

J. S. Sawwick,

320 Broadway, New York.

My dear Jack,

It was fine to see you the other day, and I hope that the fact that I haven't heard from you since then implies that you have got the place in the gas works here, and are going to settle down near at hand.

Mrs. Arthur La Forte of Tyrone is making us a little visit now and she was very glad to know all that I could tell her of you.

I go away to-night to be gone over Sunday, but shall be here all of next week, excepting Thursday and Saturday afternoon.

Your sincere friend,

Dictated July 5th.

July 8th, 1907.

The Rev. Hugh L. Hodge,
410 West 17th Street,
Erie, Pa.

My dear Hugh :

Your good letter of July 2nd has been received. I am sorry that it will not be possible for me to come to Erie for September 29th, as I have already an engagement for that day, and indeed, I see now that all my Sundays for the Fall and Winter are already engaged, and it will be some time before I get to the place where I could be free to go to Erie.

With warm regards to Mrs. Hodge and yourself, I am

Your sincere friend,

Dictated July 5th.

July 8th, 1907.

Mrs. Louis Fox,

11 Church Street,

Paterson, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Fox

I rather counted on spending Sunday afternoon, September 15th, at home, but I should be happy to give up that idea and to speak at the meeting your proposes. Indeed, I presume I should have decided that it would have been better to spend the whole day in Paterson in any case.

Will you kindly let me know some time before the 15th the time and place of meeting ? I understand that you wish me to speak on "Bible Study."

Very cordially yours,

Dictated July 8th.

July 9th, 1927.

Mr. Henry H. Baily,

Waynesburg, Pa.

My dear Mr. Baily:

I have pleasure in enclosing herewith, the two poems, "God's Angel" and "I'm Sure I Shall Not Pass Again This Way," which I promised to send to you.

Very sincerely yours,

[illegible] July 5th,

[illegible],

July 10th, 1907.

Mr. Washington Huyler,

Tenafly, N. J.

My dear Wash:

Elliott tells me that you want a little list of things that you may need at Camp. One can get along with very little in Camp, or he can load himself with a great many things. I think that, in addition to the clothes you would naturally take, and your rod, the following list would cover about everything: I wouldn't buy an expensive rod if I were you. You can get a very good steel rod for Five Dollars or so, and for the same amount a very good bamboo rod that will suffice for all the fishing you will want to do, or if you don't care to take any rod, Elliott and I have four which you are welcome to use. The following is a list of things of which I think now:

Reel and oil, silk-lined
Hooks and flies ( Montreal, Parmachenee Belle, Professor, Royal Coachman, Silver Doctor, are the ordinary ones with us)
A good cat-gut leader
A fishing basket (medium size)
A good knife
A small fly book, or an old pocket-book for flies and hooks.
A pair of wading shoes. -
(A comfortable pair of old shoes with hob nails driven in them, will do very well.)
Some twine
Sneakers, or an old pair of light slippers in case you fish all day and want a dry change for the night away from home.
Some sinkers, if you care to use them - I never do.
Some court plaster
An old sweater

I suppose you have an old mackintosh or rain-coat, and perhaps you will have at home a good piece of rubber big enough to wrap some clothes in. At Colebrook you can get, at any one of the harness shops or at the drug stores, a bottle of neat's foot oil, to rub in the shoes. If you have an old pair of cotton knee

trousers, and an old pair of canvas leggins, they are the best for camping and wading.

Milk chocolate, or malted milk tablets are good things to have in the woods, but you can get everything of this sort at Colebrook. And as for twine and oil for boots, and court plaster and sinkers, etc., we will have plenty of that sort of thing in Camp, so that you really needn't bother about them.

There is very little to shoot in the Summer time. The harmless birds one doesn't want to shoot, and the partridges don't come in until October. There are a few bears around the woods, if you want to go around after them, but I never saw one and I think you would have to tramp a good deal before finding one. If you have a gun, though, and want tp take it, I wouldn't hesitate to do so. There are hawks around and foxes, and various animals.

Will you tell your mother that I think the best way to go up from New York is by the night train - the White Mountain Express, leaving the Grand Central Station at 9 PM and . This train runs right through to Fabian and is due there about half past seven. You can then get your lunch and leave about half past twelve for Colebrook, arriving thereabout half-past two. Be sure to write beforehand to the Camp Diamond Company, Diamond Pond, telling the day and hour you will arrive at Colebrook, so that they can meet you with the buckboard. This train goes through Littleton or Sugar Hill early in the morning, - I think about six o'clock or so, - so that Conner can easily take the train there. There is a day train up, but it isn't nearly so convenient and the connection is bad, and indeed, I don't know that you can get through to Colebrook the same night any more.

Please let me know if I can tell you anything else. I am so glad

that you are coming.

Your sincere friend,

Dictated July 9th.

July 10th, 1907.

Mr. A. H. Cross,

417 Abington Building,

Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

I read with interest your letter of June 26th, but do not feel able to divert from other objects any contribution which I may be able to make to them, toward this visitation work. I joyfully set aside my tenth, and am glad to help whenever I can, but the amount is limited and what goes in one direction cannot go in others.

I think that such visitation work is absolutely essential to the proper evangelization of any city, and should think that the local churches would take it up and meet all the expenses of it, as we do here in this city. I am sure that in Portland, if such work is undertaken, the churches would care for it, as they would, also, in Seattle.

Have you talked the matter over with the Rev. J. M. Wilson, D.D., pastor of the Westminster Church in Seattle, or with the Rev. William Foulke, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Portland ?

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated July 5th.

July 10th, 1907.

The Erie Cab Agent,
Erie Railroad,
Jersey City, N. J.

Dear Sir:-

Will you kindly have a carriage for four persons waiting for me when train #22, on the Northern Road, due in Jersey City at 2.26, arrives Saturday morning, July 13th?

Very truly yours,

July 12th, 1907.

Mrs. B. W. Labaree,
23 North Street,
Stamford, Conn.

My dear Mrs. Labaree:-

I am delighted to report a letter just received from Mr. Coleman, in which he says that he will be very glad if I will invite all of you to Camp--you and Miss Bessie and Miss Mary and Elizabeth Coen and Clara and Leonard. We shall have two rooms in our cabin which will not be in use, which would be fine either for you and the children, or for Bessie and Mary, or perhaps even for all of you; but with those two rooms there will be no difficulty in making the arrangements in the Camp.

Whatever time you can make convenient to come, will be just the time at which you will be wanted to come. We hope to go up on Monday. As I understand, you are expecting to be at Northfield this month, and that would prevent your coming up until later in the month. If Bessie and Mary and the children should want to come up a little earlier, that would be fine. But you are to feel free to do just whatever is most acceptable to all of you, and I hope you can stay long and have a good rest. It is the most ideal place for a rest that I have ever found, and Mrs. Speer and Elliott and Margaret are overjoyed at the prospect of having you there, as I am too.

Now, as to the way to go. If you go from Stamford, I think that far the most convenient way is to take the White Mountain Express in the evening. It leaves New York at nine o'clock, and must go through Stamford about ten. This has through sleepers to Fabyans, getting to Fabyans at half-past eight in the morning. There you can rest in the big hotel which is just beside the station, and get your lunch, and leave half-past twelve, reaching Colebrook

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at 2.30, and if you notify the Camp Diamond Company, Diamond Pond, N. H. beforehand, the buckboard will be at the station at Colebrook to meet you.

The round trip ticket from New York to Colebrook and return, is $17.35 for adults and just one-half of that for the children. Going to Fabyans you will have to pay just a little extra, but you can arrange that with the conductor. I have found that the cheapest way is to buy these round-trip tickets via Springfield and Coos Junction. I presume that they are on sale from Stamford.

If Bessie and Mary go from Boston, they can easily take a train direct from Boston to Fabyans and join you there. If you all go from Northfield, the best way is to leave South Vernon at 10.40 in the morning and go to Lancaster and spend the night, and then go on the next morning to Colebrook.

I am delighted that this little plan has gone through, and, looking forward with joy to seeing you all, I am

Your sincere friend,

July 12th, 1907.

Mr. H. C. Coleman,

Diamond Pond, via Colebrook, N. H.

My dear Horace:-

Your good letter of the 10th was received, and I have written to Mrs. Labaree, to whom it will bring great joy.

There are six in her party--Mrs. Labaree and her two sisters-in-law, and three children--Clara and Leonard Labaree and Elizabeth Osaa. You will hear later from her as to when they will be able to come up.

I am glad you can go up to-day. We will come up on Monday, and be ready to go out to Camp on Tuesday morning. If we get to Colebrook Monday night, we will be at the Monadnock House and ready to go out right after breakfast. Otherwise, we shall spend Monday night in Lancaster and get into Colebrook at 11.30 in the morning. I will telegraph on Monday in case I cannot write definitely to-morrow.

With warm love from us all,

Very affectionately yours,

July 13th, 1907.

The Rev. J. R. Miller, D.D.,
421 Witherspoon Bldg.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Miller:-

I should be very glad to write the sketch regarding Dr. Paris' brother if the family has material. I could easily supplement it with things that we have here.

I have written several articles in the "Vault" series, of which I spoke sometime ago, but have not sent them because I was not sure that I could deliver the remaining articles of the series with sufficient regularity. When I get the whole series written, I shall send it on. And I shall be glad to do what I can next year for the paper.

Our summer plans are a little uncertain now in view of Dr. Halsey's illness. He came down with fever the other day, which we feared at first would be typhoid, but which the doctors says is rheumatic fever. I do not know how long this will lay him up/ but we shall all manage to get some rest this summer--a great deal more, I have no doubt, than we ever permit yourself to take.

Thank you very much for the invitation to St. Paul's. I am trying to plan out next year's engagements and it is no easy work.

Very affectionately yours,

July 12th,1907.

Mr. W. R. Moody,

East Northfield, Mass.

My dear Willie:-

With reference to the inquiry you sent me sometime ago regarding the books for a young minister's library, I have to-day the following note from Dr. Canfield, the Librarian of Columbia University:-

"I would advise the young minister who inquired of Mr Moody concerning the best hundred books etc., as I would advise any minister or any layman for that matter, to send to the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D.C., a half dollar, asking him to send to the writer the American Library Association Catalog of 8000 volumes, annotated, 1904 -- complete (both Parts 1 and 2).

"In this book will be found most carefully prepared, annotated and evaluated lists of the best books on every topic. The work has been done by experts; the notes are sufficiently complete to give an accurate idea of the contents of each volume, the thought and purpose and standing of each author; and any one who is competent to read at all ought to be able to select most wisely and in a satisfactory way, from those titles, those which most immediately and completely meet his demands."

I think it would be worth while bringing it to the attention of your correspondent.

Very affectionately yours,

July 12th, 1907.

Mr. Edward C. Wood,

Houston Hall,

West Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Ned:-

The following is the extract from Dr. Killinwood's letter, which you want:-

"One who has seen so many years of blessings has no right to complain. The one thing which is most clear and emphatic in my consciousness, is the fact that any hope I may cherish must rest on foundations outside of myself. I have no complacency in the record of my life. From my present standpoint I see more clearly than ever before the absolute need of a vicarious salvation. I shall go down to the tomb resting in this alone."

Very cordially yours,

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July 15th, 1907.

Mr. David McConaughy,

156 Fifth Ave., N. Y.

My dear David:-

I do not know the college in connection with whose presidency [illegible] excellent man for such a position.

As you know, he is a man of the loviest personal qualities--friendly, [illegible] of [illegible] abilities. [illegible] particularly with reference to [illegible] I have in [illegible] to consider Dr. Bronson.

Very affectionately yours,

Dictated July 12th.

July 15th, 1907.

Superintendent of Documents,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith one-half dollar ($.50) in postage stamps, for which I would request you kindly to send me a copy of the American Library Association catalog of 8,000 volumes, annotated 1904, complete, both parts, 1 and 11.

Very truly yours,

Enclosure.

July 15th, 1907.

Mr. C. G. Trumbull,
1031 Walnut St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Charlie :-

I have not succeeded in having looked up the matter regarding Mrs. Barakat. Dr. Millinwood's memory is like mine in the matter--too indefinite to rely upon for an unequivocal declaration. I shall be glad to take the matter up later in the summer, if you wish.

Meanwhile, I am returning the papers. I am writing to the Rev. F. Hoskins, of Syria, who is now in this country, asking him to let you know if he has any recollections; and I should be glad to have both our letter books and the books of the Treasurer's office searched when I get back. I should have been able to give you the answer before this if it had not been for the sickness of our Record Clerk, who has not been here for some weeks, and I simply have not been able to dig up the files in the dark room for the necessary books. As I say, however, I shall be glad to take the matter up toward the end of the summer, if you would like.

Dr. Halsey is down with rheumatic fever, and that may shift a good many of our plans for the summertime. I was expecting to be gone from this coming Monday until the middle of August, and shall probably have to come back earlier now, and can take up the matter then for you.

Thank you very much indeed for your note of yesterday with the enclosed letters.

I have looked over with interest the letters which you sent, and wish that you might look up more fully Mr. Morris' point.

It is very ingenious.

With much love to Aline,

Very affectionately yours,

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July 15th, 1907.

Mr. J. F. Robertson,

Toronto, Canada.

My dear Mr. Robertson:

Your kind note of June 14th was duly received. I should have answered earlier, but it has not been possible to speak with definiteness until now. I am sorry to have to say that I shall not be able to accept your kind invitation, as I see no prospect of my being in Toronto for any Sunday this coming Winter or Spring.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated July 12th.

July 13th, 1937.

The Rev. Herbert A. Jump,

Brunswick, Maine.

My dear Mr. Jump:

I have just been working over next year's schedule, and have hoped that it might be possible to find a third Sunday in some month for which I could accept your kind invitation. The difficulty is, however, that our Board meets the first and third Mondays of each month in the afternoon, and I must be present at these meetings. I judge, however, that it would be possible to leave Brunswick at midnight to get to New York by three o'clock the next afternoon. The great difficulty is to find a Sunday that is not already engaged. I have already engagements for every third Sunday, with the bare possibility that the arrangement which has been made for March 15th may fall through. If that Sunday is not already engaged, I shall be glad to let you know later whether there would be a possibility of my coming then.

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated July 12th

July 15th, 1907.

Mr. Nathan T. Wolm,

Exeter, N. H.

My dear Mr. Wolm:

I have not forgotten your kind invitation to Exeter, and I shall rejoice if it is possible for me to come up some Sunday this coming year, but I do not now see any likelihood of my being able to come. The Sundays are too few, and the pressure on time is too heavy. Suppose, however, that I am able to go up to Andover for March 20th (although I am not certain of this) would a Sunday evening at Exeter be practicable and worth while?

Very cordially yours,

Dictated July 14th.

July 15th, 1907.

President Robert A. Falconer,

Toronto, Canada.

My dear President Falconer:

I do not know whether to reply to you or to Acting President Hutton in regard to the kind invitation from the University to speak at one of the Sunday services this coming year. President Hutton suggested in his kind note March 22nd. I am sorry to have to say, however, that I do not see any possibility of being able to come up this coming Winter. It requires all of Saturday and Monday to go and come, and this limitation, together with the pressure of invitations from our own churches and near-by institutions for the Sundays will, I fear, make it impossible to have the pleasure - a pleasure which would be the greater now that you have taken up your new duties.

With kind regards, I am

Very cordially yours,

Dictated July 12th.

July 15th, 1907.

The Rev. Henry S. Coffin, D. D.,
700 Park Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Coffin:

On returning recently from a convention trip, I found a memorandum regarding your kind invitation for Sunday, February 10th. I am very sorry that it will not be possible for me to come, for February 9th and 16th are the Sundays I have promised to spend at Yale. Both the other Sundays in February, also, are engaged. I think I might be able to arrange to come for the third Sunday in March, that is, March 17th, although that is a little uncertain and I know that it may not be convenient for you.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated July 12th.

July 15th, 1927.

President Alfred E. Stearns,

Andover, Mass.

My dear Mr. Stearns:

I look back on the last year with regret, through my loss of the annual visit to Andover. I am writing now with reference to next year, to enquire whether March 20th falls in vacation, or whether it will be a satisfactory Sunday ?

Very cordially yours,

Dictated July 12th.

July 15th, 1927.

President George Harris,

Amherst, Mass.

My dear Dr. Harris:

I have been away at various conventions or I should have answered earlier your kind note of June 18th. I shall be glad to come to Amherst for Sunday, March 1st.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated July 12th.

July 15th, 1917.

Mr. F. A. Ferris,

252-372 Pott Street,

New York City.

My dear Mr. Ferris:

I find that I shall need December 15th for some other engagements that cannot be put later, so I am afraid the best I can do is to offer you December 22nd or December 29th for the Rutgers Riverside Church. I shall be very glad to come for which ever of these two Sundays you prefer.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated July 12th.

July 13th, 1907.

Mr. D. A. Budge,

Secretary, Y. M. C. A.,

Montreal, Canada.

My dear Mr. Budge:

Your kind note of June 22nd came while I was away campaigning the Summer Students' Conferences, and I received it on returning but have delayed answering until I could make out my schedule for the Fall. I am very sorry that it will not be possible for me to come up to Montreal. I should have been glad to come if I could, but other appointments for Sundays or for the Mondays following make it impossible for me to come for any Sunday in September.

With kind regards, I am

Very cordially yours,

Dictated July 12th.

July 15th, 1907,

The Rev. Charles R. Erdman,

Princeton, N. J.

My dear Charlie;

I promised to let you know whether I could come down to the Seminary for a meeting on October first as soon as we found out about the Synod meetings. I find that I shall probably not be able to get away for the Synods until October 7th. In that case, I shall be able to come down to Princeton that evening, but I shall have to come back to New York after the meeting. Perhaps it will be time enough for us to take it up at the end of the Summer.

Affectionately yours,

Dictated July 15th.

July 13th, 1907.

The Rev. William Bennett,

Morristown, N. J.

My dear Mr. Bennett:

I have not forgotten your very kind invitation for me to come out to the First Church for the last or next to the last Sunday in September. I fear this is not going to be possible, but if I find that I could get out for some Sunday toward the close of August, would that be a satisfactory time? I am not sure that even that will be possible, but it may be that I could arrange it.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated July 12th.

July 12th, 1917.

Mr. Merton S. Yales,
Theological Seminary,
Auburn, New York.

My dear Mr. Yales:

I do not know your Summer address, but I have no doubt that this letter will be forwarded to you.

I have studied over next year's schedule carefully, and I see a bare possibility of being able to come up to Auburn for March 8th, but I cannot say definitely. If you will write to me in the Fall, I shall be able to let you know.

Very cordially yours,

[illegible]

Dictated July 12th.

July 15th, 1907.

Mr. F. Dean Smith,

Lawrenceville, N. J.

My dear Mr. Smith:

Your kind note of July 6th is received. I do not know that I can do better this coming year than go down to Lawrenceville for one Sunday. I wish I could come for three, but I have been looking over my schedule, and I do not see how it would be possible. If satisfactory, I think I could promise now to come for Sunday, April 19th, and there might be a possibility of my coming for December 15th, but I am not altogether sure. Would that be a suitable day if I find that I can come then?

Very cordially yours,

Dictated July 12th.

July 15th, 1907.

Mr. Junius E. Beale,

University of Michigan,

Ann Arbor, Mich.

My dear Mr. Beale:

Your very kind notes have been received. I am sorry to have to say that it will not be possible for me to come to Ann Arbor for either January 12th or February 9th, but I think I could arrange to come for January 26th in case I am able to combine one or two other appointments with the engagement in Detroit, so as to warrant the absence from the office. If you could hold January 26th in case that is a convenient day, I should be glad to come then, or if January 12th would be much more convenient, I might endeavor to arrange a transfer of engagements, but that would have to wait, as the one with whom I made an appointment for January 12th is not abroad, and will not be back until the Fall. Perhaps you might let it rest in this unsettled form until then, with the understanding that I will try to come for either January 12th or January 26th.

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated July 12th.

July 16,1907.

Miss Mary Caswell,

Wellesley, Mass.

My dear Miss Caswell:-

I have been doing my best to work up my engagements for the fall, and find I cannot come to Wellesley for any of the Sundays mentioned in your letter of July 1st. If I am able to come for Sunday, May 17th, will that be satisfactory? I hardly see how I can come for any earlier day.

Very cordially yours,

Robert Collier

Dictated July 12th.

July 16,1907.

Miss Mary Breese Fuller,

Fredonia, N. Y.

My dear Mary:-

Emma has given me your message with reference to the "Marks of a Man", and I have very much pleasure in sending you a copy herewith.

I hope that you are very well and are having a good summer.

With much love from us all,

Your sincere friend,

Robert Collier

Dictated July 12th.

July 16,1907.

The Rev. Gaston Boyle,
c/o The Rev. W. P. Neilson,
Paris, Texas.

My dear Mr. Boyle:-

Your very kind letter of July 3rd is received.

I appreciate your cordial words and rejoice if anything that I have written or said has been serviceable to you. There is no fellowship so good as the fellowship of common Christian sympathies and service, and it is blessed that so many of us, whose work lies in different fields, can still all be one in our purposes and loyalties.

With best wishes for God's blessing on your work, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated July 12th.

July 16th, 1907.

Mr. Livingston Fewsmith,

Old Stone Church,

Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Fewsmith:

I cannot answer better your kind note of June 8th than to enclose a copy of a letter which I have just written to Dr. Montgomery, Chairman of the Synods Committee on Foreign Missions. Whatever you and he and Mr. Brown may arrange will be altogether satisfactory to me. I wish there were more time available.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated July 12th.

Enclosure.

P. S. - Since writing the above, I find that I may have to be in Michigan on January 12th or 26th. If I find it possible to stop off in Cleveland fse Monday, January 13th, or Monday, January 26th, would that be a better time for the Man's Dinner than in October ?

July 16th, 1907.

The Rev. R. Ames Montgomery, D. D.,

Xenia, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Montgomery:

Your good letter of June 12th came while I was away at some conventions, and I have delayed answering since returning until we could find out what our Synod appointments must be. Just a few days ago, we received a list from Dr. Roberts. It has been understood for some time that I was to go to the Synods of the South and Southwest, where the Cumberland Churches were strongest. The first of these is the Synod of Texas, meeting, I understand, on October 10th. I have written to Mr. Patterson in St/Louis about the matter, asking him whether I can be at the Synod of Ohio on October 10th, and by leaving that night get to the Texas Synod before it adjourns. I have not yet heard from him.

I cannot get to Cleveland for October 6th and 7th, because our Board meets on October 7th, and I shall have to be present at that meeting as the Synod appointments will keep me away from the next one. I can leave New York, however, on Monday evening, October 7th, and if Mr. Patterson finds that I can be in Xenia for October 10th, I shall be glad to do whatever you propose for the evenings of October 8th and 9th.

I have no letter from Cincinnati regarding going there, and have no letter just now before me from Toledo, but I have earnest letters from the Rev. Henry I. Brown regarding the Centennial Celebration of the First Church; and from Mr. Livingston Fewsmith, of the Old Stone Church, regarding the Men's Dinner there. I will leave the matter to you and Mr. Brown and Mr. Fewsmith, and am so writing to them. You can arrange, as you think best, for October 8th and 9th and I will carry out your appointments, and if I can get to the Texas Synod

in time, I shall be glad to stay for the Ohio Synod on the 10th.

With kind regards, I am

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer

Dictated July 12th.

July 16th, 1907.

The Rev. Henry I. Brown,

First Presbyterian Church,

East Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Brown:

Your good letter of June 11th came while I was attending the Summer Students' Conferences, and I have had to delay answering, since returning, until it was possible to work over my Fall schedule.

I find now that I shall have to be here on Sunday, October 6th, and especially on the following day, when there will be an important meeting of our Board, and the only meeting in October which I shall be able to attend, as the time of the next meeting I shall be away among the Synods in the Southwest. This will make it impossible for me to spend that Sunday with you, earnestly as I should like to do this. The best that I can do is to get away from New York on Monday evening, October 7th. Mr. Montgomery, Chairman of the Synods Foreign Missions Committee, has written with reference to my being in Cleveland for October 6th with you, October 7th at a Men's Dinner in Toledo, October 8th at a Men's Dinner, and at Cincinnati on October 9th and at the Synod on October 10th. I am writing him that I cannot leave New York until the evening of October 7th, and that I must leave Xenia for the Synod of Texas on the evening of the 10th, but I should be glad to do anything with the 8th, 9th and 10th which he and you and Mr. Newsmith, who has written regarding the Men's Dinner in Cleveland, think best.

With kind regards, I am

Very cordially yours,

P. S. Since writing the above, I find that I may be in Michigan for either

January 12th or January 26th. I have written to Mr. Newsmith that in that case I might be able to stop off in Cleveland for either Monday, January 13th or Monday, January 27th. Perhaps he would prefer to have the Men's Dinner at that time, so that if only one night in October is free for Cleveland I could come to you, unless, as may be the case, you only wanted me for a Sunday.

As I have said, however, I leave the whole latter to you and Dr. Montgomery and Mr. Newsmith.

R. E. S.

July 16th, 1907.

The Rev. Joseph Kelley, D. D.,
1367 Irving Street,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Kelley:

I am very sorry it will not be possible for me to come down to Washington the early part of December. I may have to come down the last week to the International Y. M. C. A. Convention, and should be glad to speak at a dinner then, if it does not conflict with any other meeting at which I have to speak. If that would not be a suitable time I do not see how I could come before December, and cannot speak definitely of any day then until next month. I have spoken to Mr. McConaughy, and I think he, also, is writing to you.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated July 12th.

July 16th, 1907.

The Rev. George J. F. Richards, D. D.,

Mt. Carmel, Ill.

My dear Dr. Richards:

I am very sorry to have to say that in the arrangement of Synod meetings this Fall, I shall not be able to get to Illinois. I have been appointed to the Synods of the South and Southwest. Someone else will come in behalf of our Board to Illinois, and I trust the meeting may be a very fruitful and helpful one. I would rejoice greatly in the privilege.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated July 12th.

July 12th, 1927.

The Rev. Charles F. Myers,

Williamson, W. Va.

My dear Mr. Myers:

Your kind note of June 27th has been received.

I am sorry to have to say that I am not able to undertake such work as you propose. I should love to do it if I could, but my engagements here make it impossible for me to get away for such a series of meetings.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer

Dictated July 12th.

July 15th, 1907.

Mr. E. J. Atkisson,

Military Academy,

West Point, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Atkisson:

If I find that it will not be possible for me to come up to the Academy for any Sunday in September, would the last Sunday in August do, or if I find that I can come for Sunday, September first, would that be better than the last Sunday in August?

It was a great pleasure to meet you and the men at Northfield, and I thank God for the stand which you took and I pray that the delegation may do a work of great power at the Academy this year.

With kind regards, I am

Very faithfully yours,

E. Colton.

Dictated July 12th.

July 15th, 1907.

President Charles F. Thwing,

4 Grover Street,

Auburn, N. Y.

My dear President Thwing:

Your kind note of June 18th was received while I wa away from New York, and I write at the earliest possible date after returning to thank you for your cordial invitation. I shall be glad to accept it if the Commencement date does not conflict with other engagements. We have every year in June, a Conference with our newly appointed missionaries who are to be sent out during the year. It lasts for a week, and I must always be present at it. Usually, it is the first week in June. Later in the month, I am accustomed to go to the Summer Students' Conferences, but if, without conflicting with these engagements it is possible for me to go to Cleveland, I shall be glad to do so.

Will you kindly let me know at your convenience the date on which the address falls ?

Very cordially yours,

Dictated July 12th.

July 16,1907.

Miss Angeline Hart,
Room 801,
The Montclair,
Lexington Ave. & 49th St., City.

My dear Miss Hart:-

Your note of July 5th was duly received.

I am very sorry to have to say that I have not been able to fill up the notes which you kindly gave me, and I do not see when I shall be able to do so. I am sorry to fail you in this way, but I am consoled by the thought that you will have very much better material for use in the Association Monthly.

Very cordially yours,

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July 16th, 1907.

Mr. L. V. Davison,
100 William Street,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Davison:

Your kind note of June 25th was duly received. I shall have in mind the matter referred to, though I am afraid it will not be possible to do very much toward the arrangements for the proposed meeting until later in the Summer.

With kind regards, I am

Very cordially yours,

Dictated July 15th.

July 16,1907.

Mr. James Woods,
327 Penn St.,
Huntingdon, Pa.

My dear Jim:-

I am very sorry to learn of Dr.Freeman's death, and I can appreciate your desire to get a good man as his successor.

I would suggest the name of the Rev. Guy L. Morrill, of Moosic,Pa. From all that I hear of him he is a most promising young man. He has done splendid work in his present field. Those who know him well speak in the highest terms of him; and, if I were you, I would look him up and see if you can get him.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer

Dictated July 12th.

July 16,1907.

Mr. Tissington Tatlow,
22 Warwick Lane,
London,E.C.

My dear Tatlow:-

Your kind letter of June 28th is received.

I shall be glad to write an article on "The Sense of Duty", and shall try to send it to you to reach you about December 31st. I shall be glad to get it to you by November 12th, if I can, but October is a month when I shall be away most of the time, and I cannot promise much for that month.

Miss Rouse was with me as I was reading your letter, and it was a great pleasure to have her at the summer meeting of the Christian students.

Thank you very much for your kind word regarding the conference next January. I wish very much that I could accept your invitation.

Very cordially yours,

John R. Mott

Dictated July 12th.

July 16,1907.

Mr. Calvin W. Hendrick,
American Bldg.,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Hendrick:-

I rejoice to read a copy of the letter which you received with reference to that address on Sabbath Observance. One has a right to rejoice at such evidences of true influence exerted toward the highest ends. I am glad that such encouraging word has come to you at this time.

With warm regards,

Your sincere friend,

Dictated July 12th.

July 16th,1907.

Mr. Thomas S. Evans,
University House, Lombard & 26th Sts.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Tom:-

I am sorry it will not be possible for me to come over for either the first or second Sunday in November. As far as I can see now, the best I can do is to suggest Sunday, May 24th. Will that be too late in the season?

Very cordially yours,

Dictated July 12th.

July 16th,1907.

Mr. C. G. Trumbull,
1031 Walnut Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Trumbull:-

I enclose herewith the letter to Dr. Hoskins, referred to in Mr.Speer's letter of yesterday.

You will note that the quotation from your paper is omitted, the papers having been returned before this letter was written.

May I trouble you to have the paragraph inserted and the letter forwarded to Dr. Hoskins? I enclose also a stamped envelope, addressed to Dr. Hoskins.

Regretting to be obliged to trouble you in the matter, I am

Very cordially yours,

[illegible]

Secretary to Mr.Robert E.Speer.

July 17th, 1907.

The Rev. J. R. Miller, D.D.,
421 Witherspoon Bldg.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Miller:-

Your letter of July 12th has been received in Mr. Speer's absence on his vacation, and will be handed him immediately on his return, which will probably be about the middle of August.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Mr. Robert E. Speer.

July 19th,1907.

Mr. Frank D. Stanley,
Corner Valencia & Riberia Sts.,
St. Augustine, Fla.

My dear Mr. Stanley:-

Your letter of July 15th has just been received in Mr. Speer's absence on his vacation, and will be brought to his attention immediately on his return, which will probably be about the middle of August.

Very sincerely yours,

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Secretary to Mr.Robert E.Speer.

July 22nd, 1907.

Mr. Earl J. Atkisson,
Y.M.C.A.,
[illegible],N.J.

My dear Mr. Atkisson:-

Your note of the 19th inst. [illegible] Mr. Speer's absence on his [illegible] I will inform it to his [illegible] on his return, which will be [illegible] the middle of August.

You will then doubtless hear from him as to whether it will be possible to change the date of his visit from August to September.

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July 22nd, 1907.

Mr. Frank D. Stanley,
Cor. Valencia & Riberia Sts.,
St. Augustine, Fla.

My dear Mr. Stanley:-

Your letter of July 19th will be handed to Mr. Speer immediately on his return from his vacation, which will be about the middle of August.

Trusting this will be in time for your needs, I am

Yours very sincerely,

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[illegible] R. Speer.

July 21st, 1907.

Miss Mary Caswell,

Wellesley, Mass.

My dear Miss Caswell:-

Your note of the 17th has been received in Mr. Speer's absence on his vacation. He will not return until about the middle of August, which I presume will be too late to make any change in the date.
I shall, however, bring your letter to his attention immediately on his return.

Very sincerely yours,

Geo. McCay, Jr.

Secretary to Mr. Robert E. Speer.

July 25th,1907.

Miss Mary Caswell,

[illegible], Mass.

My dear Miss Caswell:-

Your letter of the 24th has just been received, and I am forwarding it together with yours of the 17th, to Mr. Speer in the hope that he may be able to comply with your wishes.

Very sincerely yours,

[illegible]

Secretary to Mr.Speer.

July 10th, 1907.

Mr. Arthur J. A. Gatler,
3726 So. Hope St.,
Los Angeles, Calif.

My dear Mr. Gatler:-

Your letter of July 5th was duly received. In Mr. Speer's absence on his vacation, I take pleasure in sending you the poem for which you inquire.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Mr. Robert E. Speer.

July 30th, 1907.

Mr. Henry N. Tifft,

11 William St., New York City.

My Dear Mr. Tifft:-

As Mr. Speer will not return to the office until the middle of August, it will not be possible for him to attend the meeting of the Board of Directors of the New York Juvenile Asylum on August 6th.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Mr. Robert E. Speer.

July 31st, 1908.

Mr. Ernest W. Chor,

8 East 29th Street, New York City.

My dear Mr. Chor:-

Your note of July 27th was received this morning.

Mr. Speer is taking a much needed vacation, and will not return to the City until August 13th, which of course will be too late for the message which you request.

Perhaps he can be of service to you later in the season.

Very cordially yours,

Secretary to Mr. Robert R. Speer.

August 8th, 1902.

Mr. F. P. Turner,

3 West 29th St., New York City.

My dear Mr. Turner:-

In Mr. Speer's absence on his vacation, I venture to refer the enclosed letters to you. Will you please answer them?

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Mr. Robert E. Speer.

August 14, 1907.

Mr. H. W. White,

502 Fulton Street,

Brooklyn, N.Y.

My dear Mr. White:-

Your kind letter of July 25th was duly received. I am sorry to have to say that I have no Sunday appointments for the winter in Brooklyn, which would enable me to speak at one of your theatre meetings.

I may speak in New York on January 19th, however, and in that case might be able to come over that evening if that would be satisfactory. I have not yet arranged definitely for the evening of the 19th but shall hope to hear soon.

Very sincerely yours,

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We got safely home yesterday and are having delightful weather. Today is as beautiful a day as one could wish [illegible] but there is a world of difference between life and work here in New York City, and life and work at Diamond Rock.

[illegible] was a great afternoon coming home. It was very good of Chase and Leonard to give up the grate to Elliot and Margaret. We all thought of you often, especially as we passed through Stamford in the morning.

I had got a pile of letters waiting here which I have not as yet been able to read, among them is Will Shedd's note enclosing a copy of [illegible] to the State Department. I have not yet been able to see this statement, but have had copies of it made and send you one herewith, together with a copy of the resolutions which Will writes were adopted by the Mission in March. I enclose two copies of these [illegible]

Hope that you and the children are well and that you may have a pleasant time during the rest of your stay. With much love from us all, I am,

Your affectionate friend,

August 14, 1907.

Sunday School Times,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sirs:-

On returning to New York after an absence of several weeks, I find your card of July 15th stating that you are in need of copy for the Young People's Meeting of August 25th. I sent this copy about the middle of July and trust it reached you safely.

I shall hope to send soon a copy of the meeting for the 29th, and shall complete the copy for the year as soon as possible.

Very sincerely yours,

August 14, 1907.

Miss Jean Mateer,

Hanford, King Co.,

Washington.

My dear Jean:-

Your good letter of July 16th was received while I was up at Diamond Pond. Mrs. Speer and I read it with very much interest, and I gave it also to Mr. McConaughy to read as he was taking his vacation at the same place. I am back in the office now for the rest of the summer I think.

I am delighted that the convention was so successful and that you enjoyed it so much. I have not seen Mr. Vogt yet but shall tell him how greatly you were helped by what he said.

I trust that you are having a good restful summer and that you find your strength increasing steadily for the work that you want to do with your life. With kind regards from us all, I am,

Your sincere friend,

August 14, 1907.

Miss Elizabeth Labaree,

South Dennis, Mass.

My dear Miss Labaree:-

We got safely back to New York yesterday morning; I came to the office and Mrs. Speer and the children went to Englewood. I found many letters from Persia which I have not yet had time to read, among them a copy of Will Shedd's letter to the State Department. I have had it copied and am sending one copy to Mrs. Labaree at Diamond Pond, and enclose one to you and your sister. Am sending with it a copy of resolutions which Will writes were adopted in March.

I hope that you feel the better for your little visit at Diamond Pond, and with warmest regards to your both, I am,

Your sincere friend,

Enclosure.

August 14, 1907.

Mrs. Ella Stults,

Cranbury, N.J.

My dear Mrs. Stults:-

Your very kind letter of July 22nd, was received while I was away from the city. I write at the earliest opportunity in reply.

I cannot say now whether it will be possible to come to Moorestown, Thursday April 9th, or not. That is pretty far away and while I have appointments for all my Sundays for the Winter and Spring, it is not possible to make definite appoinments for week-days.

If you will write sometime early in the next year, I shall be very glad to let you know whether I can come, and will come if it is at all possible.

Very cordially yours,

August 14th, 1907.

Miss Emma Hays,
The Montclair, Rooms 801-815,
Lexington Ave. & 49th Street, New York City.

My dear Miss Hays:-

I do not see any possibility of my being of service in connection with the Territorial Conference in Ohio.

I have to be here in New York on October 7th, and, as far as I now see, have to be in Cleveland October 8th, Toledo October 9th, and Xenia October 10th, and must leave that same night for either Kansas or Oklahoma. If your Territorial Conference is to be held in any one of the three cities I have mentioned, and it is possible to work in a day-time appointment in connection with my other engagements, I shall be glad to do it; but I do not suppose there is any possibility of such an arrangement.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated Aug.13th.

August 14th, 1907.

Mr. F. A. Ferris,

267 Mott Street,

New York City.

My dear Mr. Ferris:-

I have been away from New York for a few weeks, just returning this morning, and find your kind letter of July 24th. I shall look forward with pleasure to speaking Sunday morning, December 29th, in the Rutgers Church.

I hope that you may have some rest during the summer.

With warm regard, I am

Ever your friend,

Dictated Aug. 13th.

August 14th, 1907.

The Rev. Chas. G. Sewall,
27 Dove Street,
Albany, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Sewall:-

Your kind note of July 22nd was duly received and acknowledged during my absence from the City.

I write at the first opportunity after returning, expressing my regret that it will not be possible for me to come up to the State Street Church this fall or early winter, as I have already engagements for practically all of my Sundays until next June. If September is not too early for the presentation of the cause, I would suggest your having the Rev. Robert F. Fitch, of China, who is one of our best men there and who is now at home on furlough and resting in Northern New Hampshire. He will be passing through Albany in September on his way to Ohio, and might be able to arrange to stop off. His address is, Diamond Pond, via Colebrook, N. H.

You will get from him a fresh and original and effective presentation of the mission work, and I have no hesitation whatever in commending him.

If there is anything further that we can do in connection with the matter, kindly let us know.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated Aug. 13th.

August 14th, 1907.

Mr. A. C. Harte,
Y. M. C. A.,
Mobile, Ala.

My dear Harte:-

Your good letter of July 15th came while I was away from the city, and I write as soon as possible on returning.

I am sorry to say I see no prospect of being able to get to Alabama this year. My schedule is already practically full, and my office work is going to tie me down pretty close to New York.

It was a great pleasure to see you at the Farm School, and, with kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,

Dictated Aug. 13th.

August 14th, 1907.

The Rev. Walter B. Floyd,
Scotch Presbyterian Church,
5 West 95th St., New York City.

My dear Mr. Floyd:-

Your kind note of July 22nd was received and acknowledged during my absence from the City.

I am looking forward with pleasure to keeping my appointment at the Scotch Church on September 8th, and trust that nothing may interfere. If anything does arise to interfere, I shall be glad to communicate with you.

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated Aug.13th.

August 15th, 1907.

The Rev. Boyd Edwards,

Lisle, N. Y.

My dear Boyd:-

I wish I could accept your invitation for November 21st, but I am very uncertain as to whether I shall be free at that time--too uncertain to be justified in making an engagement for that week; and I can't know until near that time whether I shall be free, otherwise I should suggest your letting the matter lie open until I could tell whether I could come.

I remember very well the last meeting at which I spoke and which I greatly enjoyed.

Your sincere friend,

Dictated Aug. 14th.

August 15, 1907.

Mr. William R. Hassell,
15 Irving Place,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Hassell:-

Your kind note of yesterday is just received, and I am sorry it will not be possible to accept your invitation, as I expect to be in the Southwest attending meetings of our Synods at the time of your Missionary Conference in Brooklyn.

I hope you may have a good meeting.

Very sincerely yours,

August 15th, 1907.

Miss Lillian Bell,
Cartierville Post Office, Near Montreal,
Province of Quebec, Canada.

My dear Miss Bell:-

I am sorry to have been so long answering your good letter of June 7th, which I have carried with me on several trips, and which would have been answered long before this were it not for the fact that I have been away for almost all the time since it was received. Then, also, I almost despair of being able to give the help I should like by correspondence letters. I have wondered whether you would let me write to a friend in Montreal, asking him to arrange for an appointment with you. I refer to the Rev. R.E.Welsch, who wrote the little book entitled "In Relief of Doubt", which I think I have recommended to you. He has come over to Canada from Great Britain and is to be one of the professors in the Presbyterian Divinity College in Montreal. He is a man who would enter with entire sympathy into your perplexities and who, I think, should be a real help to you

I was reading the other day a little book which I thought might help you, so I sent to England to get a copy for you, which I am sending herewith. It is entitled "God and the Soul". It was recommended to me by a friend in St.Johns. It is written by a Unitarian, and I do not need to say that I do not agree with all of it. I have a higher conception both of the Bible and of Christ than the writer of this little book has, but I think it will help you in your fundamental difficulties with reference to God and the soul.

Have you ever thought that you cannot keep God from loving you and caring for you and trying to educate you? We belong to God and are

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God's children whether we acknowledge it or not. We do not cause God to love us or make ourselves His children by doing anything. We can, of course, grieve Him by neglecting His love and refusing to love His children on the one hand, and on the other, we can rejoice His heart and make our relations to Him heavenly by acting toward Him as His children; but, in either case, the fact that He loves us and that we are His children remains unassailable. Ofcourse, we cannot understand the mystery of life, but that might as well lead us to a denial of all knowledge as to a denial of the reality and love of God. I read this summer, for the first time, Balfour's "Foundations of Belief", which I think makes this perfectly plain and justifies us in believing that we may know God and the love of God more genuinely than we can know any physical fact.

If I were you, I would drop all the Buddhist ideas at once. There is nothing but hopelessness in that direction. To be told that I have no soul; that the highest fulfillment of life is its annihilation, and that heaven is just a great vacuum with nothing in it--this, which is Buddhism, is no message of hope or joy to me. I prefer to believe that God is a Person; that He is my Father; that I am His child; and that, while life is one huge enigma to me, I do not lessen the perplexity of it by denying both God and my own soul. I shall try to remember to send you a copy of the next number of "The Record of Christian Work" with one or two addresses in it, which I hope may help you at least a little bit on this point.

Please do not hesitate to write at any time, or to speak whatever is in your mind and heart.

With the earnest prayer that you may let God lead you into His perfect light, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated Aug.14th.

August 15, 1907.

Miss L. Bell,

Cartierville P.O. near Montreal,

Province of Quebec, Canada.

My dear Miss Bell:-

Last evening on my way home after having written to you, I read the enclosed sermons, which I think might be helpful to you, and which I have taken the liberty to send.

Very sincerely yours,

Enclosure.

August 15, 1907.

Mr. J. E. Wells,

345 Buckhannon Street,

Clarksburg, Pa.

My dear Mr. Wells:-

I have pleasure in enclosing herewith the two little poems about which you inquired. The story about which you ask you will find in Dr. Truett's speech at the Railroad Y.M.C.A. Convention in Detroit. I think the full report of the Convention is available but what I quoted was from a brief report published in the "Associated Men" a magazine of the Young Men's Christian Association, edited by Mr. L. W. Ober, # 3 West 29th st., N.Y. City.

I appreciate very much your cordial words, and trust that God may greatly bless all your own work.

Very cordially yours,

Enclosure.

August 16, 1907.

Pres. John Willis Baer,

Los Angeles, Cal.

My Dear John:-

Your good note of July 31st enclosing Prof. Beal's letter to you and your reply were duly received. I think the publisher would have no objection whatever to the use of extracts from "Marks of a Man" for the purpose indicated, and I certainly would have none. The copyright is held by Eaton and Main, the Methodist book-publishers in Cincinnati, and permission would have to be obtained from them, but I should think they would be very ready to give it if Prof. Beal wants to make use of anything from that book.

I thought you were going to turn up here in the East sometime. I do not know that I would have taken any part in that inauguration performance if I had foreseen that it would bind you down to Los Angeles so that we were never to see you again here. I hope that we may get a glimpse of you before the summer is over.

I have been off on my vacation and Dr. Brown and Mr. Day are away now. Our plans have been a little disarranged for the summer because of Dr. Halsey's serious illness. Five weeks ago he came down with Rheumatic Fever and is only now sitting up. He will have to go off for a long rest and will not return to work until Fall.

I hope that Mrs. Baer and the children are all well,

Ever affectionately yours,

August 16, 1907.

Rev. F.L. Janeway,

Hanover, New Hampshire.

My dear Janeway:-

I was glad to receive the other day when I returned to New York your letter of July 22nd. I thought of you as I went through Hanover on my way up into Northern New Hampshire.

I am glad to answer your question about books on Gordon. The best thing is Gordon's own little book entitled "General Gordon's Letters to his Sister"; it is published by Mc Millan. In addition I would suggest the little book called "Gordon's Anecdotes", published I think by the Religious Tract Society of London. General Sir William Butler's "Life of Gordon"; Egmont Hake's "Story of Gordon"; Archibald Forbes "Chinese Gordon" and "Gordon's Letters and Journals at Khartoum."

I do not remember ever to have seen the bust of Gordon in Westminster Abbey, although I may have seen it and forgotten. One of the best things I have ever seen of him is the little bronze, full length statue, of which Prof. Meigs has a copy in Pottstown. It is about two feet high I think.

I am glad to hear about your work. How soon do you think there is any possibility of your being free from Dartmouth? I have not seen Vernon for a long time; I trust he may do good work at New Haven.

If you are ever down here please be sure to stop in.

Very cordially yours,

August 16th, 1907.

Mr. Howard Hallock,

Great Barrington, Mass.

My dear Mr. Hallock:-

On returning to New York yesterday, after several weeks absence, I found your good letter of July 29th.

I was delighted to hear of where you were, and trust that the school may meet with great success. Do you take very little boys, or only older ones? I know of some people who may be looking for a good school for a boy of eleven, where he would receive some real parental care.

I wish I could visit the school sometime, and I shall be glad to do so if it is ever possible, but I do not see any prospect this fall or winter.

With kind regards to Mrs.Hallock and yourself, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated Aug.14th.

August 16th, 1907.

Mr. Joseph F. Randolph,
18 Elm Street,
Morristown, N. J.

My dear Mr. Randolph:-

I have known Mr. Brownson, of whom you inquire, for some years. He came to Andover just as I was leaving, and went from there to Yale, while I went to Princeton. I knew him, however, through his course in Yale and have kept in touch with him ever since.

He is a delightful man personally--tall, handsome, a thorough gentleman of truest friendliness, and, I believe, sincerest devotion. I never heard him preach, and I cannot say how effective a speaker he is. I think, however, that he is a very good speaker, and, I believe, a thoughtful and studious man. I believe it is well worth your while looking him up in connection with the South Street Church.

I think Mr. Warner VanOrden knows Mr. Brownson, and his judgment would represent one point of view worth having. President A.H. Gallaher, of Northfield College, Mass., who is now staying in Englewood, N. J. with his brother-in-law, Mr. A. F. Davison was in Yale with Mr. Brownson, and his judgment would be valuable. The Rev. John C. Goddard, pastor of the Congregational Church at Salisbury, Conn., is a neighbor of Mr. Brownson, and a man of exceptional character and ability. I think he would talk to you with candor, and there are few whose opinion I would value more than his.

If I can be of any further service, please let me know. I should rejoice to see Mr. Brownson come to one of our own churches in this neighborhood.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated Aug. 14th.

August 16th, 1907.

Mr. J.Thomas Johnson,
511 Twentieth Street,
Huntington, W. Va.

Dear Mr. Johnson:-

On returning to New York yesterday, I found your letter of July 23rd awaiting me.

The bit about "The Cripple Boy", about which you ask, was not a poem but an extract from a speech of Dr.Truett's, at the Railroad Y.M.C.A.Convention in Detroit several years ago. I wish you could get the full speech in the report of the Convention from the National Committee, 3 West 29th Street, New York City. If not, you could get that portion of the speech which I quoted in the number of "Association Men" which reported the Detroit Convention. You could get this by writing to the editor, Mr. F.W.Ober, 3 West 29th Street, New York City.

I trust that the influence of the meeting at Niagara is abiding with you.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated Aug.14th.

August 13th, 1907.

Miss Mary Caswell,

Wellesley College,

Wellesley, MASS.

My dear Miss Caswell:

I returned to New York last week, and have been working, this morning, over my next year's schedule; but I do not see how I can well make any changes which would set free any Sunday this Autumn for Wellesley. The College will not be opened, I suppose, until the end of September, and I have already another engagement for that time. October is the month of our Synods, as I think I wrote you once, and I am almost always busy that month at a distance from New York. Last year it was the Pacific Coast; this year it will be the Southwest. November, also, I have special engagements for this year, and the only Sunday before the Christmas holidays which is not definitely settled is December 15th, and I have already promised to spend that Sunday at Williams College, or if that arrangement fails, at Lawrenceville.

I should be glad to keep the matter in mind, and if any shift becomes possible later, shall be happy to let you know, but I do not see what you can do better than to hold May 17th.

Very cordially yours,

August [illegible]th, 19[illegible].

Mr. T. D. Swift,

Lawrenceville, N. J.

My dear Mr. Swift:

On returning to New York last week I found your good note of July 16th. If I do not go to Williams College for December 13th, I think I can arrange to come to Lawrenceville then. Could you hold that day open for a little while, until I can know definitely as to whether I shall have to fulfill a tentative promise to go that day to Williams ?

Very cordially yours,

August 19th, 1907.

The Rev. Hugh M. McIlhany, Jr.,

206 South Cherry Street,

Richmond, VA.

My dear Mr. McIlhany:

Your good letter of August 10th was received last week, just as I got back to New York.

I do not see any prospect of being able to get down to the University in the Fall or Winter. Practically all my Sundays are full now until well on in May. It is barely possibly that I may be able to work it in in the late Spring, but I am not very much encouraged about that either. I can only promise to keep it in mind and let you know if I can come.

I hope you are having a good Summer, and with warm regard, I am

Your sincere friend,

August 10th, 1907.

Mr. Earl J. Atkisson,

United States Military Academy,

West Point, New York.

My dear Mr. Atkisson:

I got back to New York last week and write at the first opportunity in reply to your letter of July 18th.

I can arrange to come up to West Point for Sunday, September 1st, if that will be satisfactory. Will you speak to Mr. Travis about the matter, or shall I write directly to him ? He has been very cordial in his invitations, and I think perhaps I had better write to him by this same mail, telling him that if he desires I can come for that day. I think I shall bring my small boy, who is almost nine years old, with me. He is very much interested in the Academy and is anxious to come up. Is there any drill Saturday afternoon which he would enjoy seeing ?

I hope that everything has gone well since Northfield. With kind regards, I am

Very faithfully yours,

On [illegible] thought I [illegible] [illegible]

August 19th, 1907.

The Rev. Albert Parker Fitch,
Mt. Vernon Church,
Beacon Street and Massachusetts Avenue,
Boston, MASS.

My dear Mr. Fitch:

Your very kind letter has been received, and I wish I could accept your invitation. I would be glad to do so if I were free for the last Sunday in January. I have already promised, however, to come for January 12th and 26th to Pottstown and the University of Michigan. Which day I shall go to which is still open, but it is sure that I cannot be free to come to Boston for the 26th. I am very sorry that I cannot accept.

Mr. Stone landed on Saturday and I had hoped to get to the boat to greet him, but was detained in the office. I miss very much our outing together this year.

Very sincerely yours/

August 19th, 1907.

Mrs. Charles R. Hume,

Anardarco, Okla.

My dear Mrs. Hume:

Your kind letter of July 27th was answered in my absence from the City.

I wish it were possible to accept your invitation, but as I understand, the dates of the Synod Meetings which I am to attend will make it impracticable. I have written to Mr. J. M. Patterson, our Secretary in St. Louis, telling him just what time I shall be able to spend in the Southwest and giving him full authority to arrange the programme as he thinks best. I do not know whether he has any days unprovided for, but if he has, and it would be practicable to come to Windwood and he thinks that that would be the best use of the time, I shall be glad to come. If you care to do so, you can write directly to him. His address is 1518 Wright Building, St. Louis, Mo.

Very cordially yours,

August 19th, 1907.

The Rev. James W. Rae,

Room 205,

Hartford Fire Insurance Building,

Hartford, CONN.

My dear Mr. Rae:

I am sorry that it is not possible for me to accept your kind invitation to attend the Biennial State Convention of the Sunday School Association in November, but I have already other engagements for the entire first week in November which will make it impossible.

I should like to suggest the name of the Rev. George H. Trull, who has been Dr. Stevenson's Assistant in the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church of New York City, but who comes to us now to take charge of our Sunday School work. I do not know whether Mr. Trull would be able to come at that time as he is not just now in the office, but I do not think that you could do better than get him if he is free. You could address him directly at Pocono Pines, Pa., where he now is.

Very sincerely yours,

August 19th, 1907.

Mr. H. M. Hanks,

Ilion, New York.

My dear Mr. Hanks:

Your kind letter of the 16th is just received. I am sorry that it will not be possible for me to accept your invitation for October 18th. I expect to be in the South West at that time, probably in the state of Missouri, in connection with the annual meetings of our Presbyterian Synods.

Very sincerely yours,

August 19th, 1907.

Professor Elias Compton,

Otsego Lake,

Mich.

My dear Professor Compton:

I was glad to receive this morning your letter of recent date, and I have great pleasure in enclosing herewith Fifteen Dollars ($15.00) in bills, for Willie McCandlies. You mention only Five Dollars in your letter, but I have no doubt the other ten will be serviceable to him, and it is a real pleasure to send it from a little fund which I have at my disposal. I had a goodletter from him some time ago, with a photograph of the big fish he caught. I am delighted that he is having so good a time, and that you have formed so good an opinion of him.

Very cordially yours,

Enclosure.

August 20th, 1908.

Mr. William McCandlish,

Otsego Lake, Mich.

My dear William:

I was delighted to get your letter of July 7th, with the picture of the big fish. I showed the picture and read the letter to my two children and they were greatly interested both in the fish and in the story of the deer.

We got back last week from our vacation in Northern New Hampshire, where I caught a great many trout, but it would take a basketful of them to weigh as much as your fish.

I hope that you may get back for a good year in Wooster, and can imagine with what joy you are awaiting the coming of your father and mother.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated August 19th.

August 20th, 1907.

Mr. Charles L. Hilles,

Chauncey, New York.

My dear Mr. Hilles:

I think that almost the first Sunday that it might perhaps be possible for me to come up to the Children's Village would be December 22nd. I am not certain, however, about that and I presume, moreover, that you will have some special exercises that day and that it would be more appropriate for Mr. Williams to speak. Would that be a satisfactory day, however, in case I find I can manage ?

With kind regards to Mr. Hilles and yourself, I am

Very cordially yours,

Dictated August 19th.

August 19th, 1907.

Mr. Junius E. Beal,

Wesleyan Guild,

Ann Arbor, Mich.

My dear Mr. Beal:

Your kind note of July 17th was received while I was away from the City. I returned last week and write at the first opportunity to thank you for your kindness in arranging matters so that either January 12th or 26th will be suitable. I will try to come for the 12th, but that will depend upon my being able to transfer an engagement at Pottstown, Pa. from the 12th to the 26th. Professor Meigs, the head of the School at Pottstown, is now abroad, and I shall not be able to make the matter up with him until he returns next month.

Very sincerely yours,

August 21st, 1907.

The Rev. M. C. Morgan,

Diamond Pond, Via Colebrook,

N. H.

My dear Mr. Morgan:

I was delighted to get this minute your postal card telling of the trip to Hell Gate. I know just what a great time you had, and rejoice to hear that the fishing was so good. I only wish I could come up for one more taste of it.

You wouldn't have caught one-quarter as many fish as you did if you had worn a collar. Fish hate collars fearfully. It doesn't matter how you bait your hook, or what kind of a fly you use, unless you wear the sort of a collar the fish like, which is a flannel one or none at all. I believe that if only you could fish without a shirt at all on some of those streams, you'd catch whales.

It has warmed up here the last two days, and one longs for Camp. I reconcile myself, however, with thinking over the trails and the streams. I know every step of the road you took to Hell Gate and back, and I can see your caravan returning in triumph.

With warm regards to all, I am

Your sincere friend,

August 22nd, 1907.

Chaplain, Military Academy,

West Point, New York.

My dear Mr. Travers:

While at Northfield this Summer, the men from West Point cordially renewed the invitation which you have several times extended, to come up to the Academy for a Sunday. I told them that my failure to come last year was not due to any want of hearty invitations from you - simply to the impossibility of working it in my schedule for the year. I have gotten back here a little earlier this year, however, and find that I can come for the first Sunday in September, if that would be satisfactory to you. Atkinson was anxious that I should come then, rather than this month, and I told him that I have engagements for all my Sundays later.

I write to ask, accordingly, whether you would wish me to come up for that day. I have a small boy of eight who is very much interested in the cadets, and if I come I think I shall bring him up with me on Saturday, in time to see the inspection and Review.

I hope that you are very well and have had a good Summer.

Very cordially yours,

August 22nd, 1907.

The Rev. F. L. Janeway,

Hanover, N. H.

My dear Janeway:

I was glad to get your letter yesterday, but very sorry to hear of "Twinkle" Young's great sorrow. I should like to write to him, but hesitate to do so now. In the event of Mrs. Hitchcock's death, I wish you would let me know as I should like to write him a note of sympathy.

I am glad to know that you do not, as yet, feel tied up to the church in Hanover, and I trust that if that is not just your proper work, it may not be long before the doors open into what you will regard as your main work for years to come.

Very cordially yours,

August 24th. 1907.

Miss Alice M. Davidson,
Williamstown, Mass.

My dear Miss Davidson;-

I came back to New York last week and received your kind note of August 10th. as I came through Colebrook, N. H., which is our railroad station for Diamond Pond.

I don't see now, any reason why I cannot accept your cordial invitation, though December is pretty far away, and something may take me off to the ends of the earth before that time. If I am to be here however, I shall be very glad to speak for you.

I hope that you and your Mother are having a good rest. With warm regards from us all, I am

Your sincere friend,

Augus t 26th, 1907.

Mrs. R. P. Barr,

1531 State Street,

Quincy, ILL.

My dear Mrs. Barr:

It is a pleasure to fill out the Calendar slip which you sent me, and which I return herewith. I hope it is not too late for your purpose.

We have all been very much interested in the engagement of your sister to Mr. Erdman. It was no surprise to us, as from the time they met at the New Missionaries' Conference a year ago, some of us had surmisings.

Very cordially yours,

Enclosure.

Dictated August 23rd.

August 27th, 1907.

To the Chaplain,

West Point, New York.

My dear Mr. Travers:

While at Northfield, the men from the Academy spoke to me of the possibility of a visit to West Point this Fall, and I told them of your cordial invitation last year which I was sorry it was impossible to accept.

This Fall I find that I have the first Sunday in September free, and can come up that day, if you wish. I wrote you a note to this effect some days ago, and Chaplain Brown replied stating that you were away, but would be back this week, and suggested that I write to you about this time. I know you will frankly let me know if you would rather have me come some other day. I shall understand perfectly. If, however, it is altogether convenient to you, and you wish me to come, I shall be glad to come up on Saturday. I think I shall bring my small boy of nine up with me. He is naturally from much interested in the Academy, and I think seeing military discipline will do him good.

I hope that you have had a pleasant Summer.

Very cordially yours,

August 27th, 1907.

The Rev. McLeod Harvey,

5 Oread Place,

Worcester, Mass.

My dear Mr. Harvey:

Your kind note of the 24th is just received.

It would be a great pleasure to come to speak at the special Dedicatory Service this Fall, but I have already engagements for all of my Sundays in September and October, and indeed, I think for every Sunday until next May.

I wonder whether you might not be able to get the Rev. J. J. Lucas, D. D. of India, for a missionary service some time this Fall. He is now staying in Massachusetts, where is address is 567 Washington Street, Dorchester, Mass. He is returning to India in the Autumn, but you might get him for some time in September, early in the Month.

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated August 27th.

August 26th, 1907.

Miss Mary Breese Fuller,

Hutton House,

Lake Muskoka, Canada.

My dear Mary:

Your good letter of July 29th came to us at Diamond Pond.

We were glad to hear from you and to know that you and your father were having a good rest. We had a great deal of rain at Camp, but a happy time in rain and shine, and all of us came down Monday, of last week. This was a little earlier than we had planned, but the sickness of one of my associates made it necessary for us to readjust our plans.

Miss Holmquist was with us at Camp, but the Shermans did not come up. Margaret and Louise are both with Caroline Holmquist on the Maine Coast. Caroline has been very seriously ill, and suffered a good deal of pain with facial neuralgia. We had a number of new people in Camp and quite a number of the old ones, but some of the old ones came just as we were leaving and others came later.

We hope that you may have a good restful Summer, and come to the Fall with a great deal of strength. With must love from us all, I am

Your sincere friend,

Dictated August 23rd.

August 29th, 1907.

Mrs. J. D. Mitchell,
1217 Second Street,
Louisville, KY.

Cannot answer but have forwarded letter to Clifton Springs.

R. E. Speer.

August 28th, 1907.

Mrs. John T. Stone,

Diamond Pond, Via Colebrook,

N. H.

My dear Mrs. Stone:

Your good letter of August 24th was received yesterday. I was delighted to hear of all the doings at Camp, but was very sorry to hear of the sorrows that have come to Mrs. Lane and of Mrs. Labaree's accident, of which she had written to Mrs. Speer. I told the children last evening about Carl's birthday picnic, and they were enthusiastic at the very imagination of it. It seems so strange, however, for us to be down here having no part in all of these happy doings.

I wish I could have gotten up this week for the Hell Gate trip, but I could not well have left the office until Monday, and once I had come back and picked up all the lines of the work and gotten things under way, it would have been very upsetting to have gone off again. If Mrs. Speer and the children had stayed up, I would have managed it so as to come down with them. We have all had a good time at home, however, with wonderful weather, - quite as cool as you are accustomed to at Camp, though of course the air is not the same, and I feel it at once on coming back here, in my throat.

Only yesterday was I able to get a copy of the Giveth Songs for you. The publishers stoutly declared at first that they had never heard of it, but at last they found one copy, which they declare is the last they have. Like the Ezekiel I sent you, it is a little bit shelf-worn, but you will not mind that. I think John will find a great many little things in it which he can use in his sermons and on the Church Calendar. Tell him my heart is eager for the sight

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of him, and with a great deal of love to you and him and the children and all the friends at Camp, I am

Ever faithfully yours,

Book under separate cover.

August 29th, 1907.

Mr. J. F. Cummings,

Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Cummings:

Feelings of pride and humility mingle as I read your very kind letter of the 23rd, and look at the bright-faced boy who bears your name and mine. I do trust and pray that God may keep him from the evil that is in the world, and make him a man after his own heart, who shall fulfill all his will.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated August 28th.

August 30th, 1907.

Mr. Thomas D. Allen,

Hamilton, OHIO.

My dear Mr. Allen:

Your good letter of July 7th was received some time ago, but I have been away from New York and it has not been possible to answer before now.

I am sending you, herewith, two copies of each of the little poems to which you refer, "God's Anvil" and "I'm Sure I Shall Not Pass Again This Way," one for yourself, and one for Dr. Allen, to whom, I understand from your letter, you wish to send them.

I cannot forbear adding, with reference to one statement in your letter, that I do not believe that there is anyone who is entirely consecrated to God, and that I believe that those who are most consecrated would be most ready to think of themselves as St. Paul thought of himself. He had given himself, with sincere devotion, to Christ, but he knew how much of selfishness and weakness there still was in him, and he felt the need, daily, of trusting to Christ's mercy to cleanse him and keep him pure.

With best wishes that God may bless you in your work, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated August 28th.

August 30th, 1907.

Mrs. J. A. Frazer,

149 Murray Street,

Elizabeth, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Frazer:

Your kind note of yesterday has been received.

I wish I could accept your cordial invitation, but I have already promised to spend the first Sunday in March at Amherst College, and have appointments for all my other Sundays until May.

I would suggest your writing to the Rev. J. C. R. Ewing, D. D., of India, who is now at home on furlough, and whose address is Crafton, PA., to speak at the Annual Meeting. Dr. Ewing is one of our strongest missionaries.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated August 29th.

Mrs. Mary E. Foster,

Clifton Springs, New York.

My dear Mrs. Foster:

Dr. Beecher has sent me your letter of July 22nd and 26th to him, together with a copy of his letter of July 23rd to you. I have read them with the deepest interest, and Dr. Leonard has also done so. Dr. Mann is still abroad, I believe.

I am very glad that you wrote so frankly to Dr. Beecher, and that he was able to explain the apparent discourtesy of the Trustees. As he has said, nothing could have been further from their thoughts than any failure to appreciate all that you have done and been, and to consult your wishes for the future in the fullest way. I am sure we felt we were giving expression to these feelings in the resolutions which we adopted. It must be a cause of keen regret to each one of the Trustees that you feel that you must lay down the burden of the superintendency. Our only anxiety now that you feel you must lay it down, is to do the best that can be done to perpetuate the traditions and spirit of the Institution, which you and Dr. Foster created and embodied.

I had a long talk with Dr. Leonard yesterday afternoon, and am hoping to see Dr. Mann as soon as he returns. Our Committee is anxious to have all the light possible, so as to be able to make wise recommendations to the Board at the meeting which is to be held in the Fall. In view of the absence of four members of the Board, including representatives of three Missionary Societies, it surely was wiser to defer action on a question so vital to the Institution.

Mrs. Mary E. Foster - 2.

I do wish, with you, that we still had on the Board, the experience and intimate personal knowledge of the Institution possessed by Dr. Ellinwood and Mr. Smith and Mr. Buck. I believe that Dr. Barton will, in time, fully take Mr. Smith's place, though I do not expect him ever to be able to take Dr. Ellinwood's.

Do you think it would be helpful, in the consideration of the question by our Committee, if Mr. Leonard and I should come up to spend October 2nd at the Sanitarium, to talk with you and anyone else, and to give the whole day to conference and consideration of this one question ? We shall be glad to come up at that time, if you think well.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

August 31st, 1907.

My dear Miss Spivey:

The following are my items for the prayer list for September :

1 - For guidance in the completion of the Biography of Dr. Cochran of Persia.

2 - For help in the engagement of the month:

West Point - September 1st.
New York - September 8th
Pottstown - September 11th
Patterson - September 15th
Princeton - September 26th
Pottstown - September 29th.

3 - For control, by the spirit of God, in all details of work, all personal perplexities and in the ever increasingly complicated problems of the work.

4 - Thanksgiving for new experiences and conceptions of peace and love in Christ, and new longings for what is still to be realized.

Very faithfully yours,

September 3rd, 1907.

The Rev. Arthur S. Lloyd, D. D.,

281 Fourth Avenue,

New York City.

My dear Dr. Lloyd:

I have been wanting to getover to see you, but all my associates have been away until Mr. Day's return this week, and I have not been able to come. But I do not want to let any more time pass without sending you a most hearty welcome home. I am glad that you and Mrs. Lloyd are safely back, and I know with what rich treasure you come laden, and I'm going to eavesdrop all I can to hear what you say.

I want to thank you for the loving word which you sent Mrs. Speer and me a year ago. I pray that God may long spare your home of any sorrow.

Ever your friend,

Dictated August 31st.

September 3rd, 1907.

Mr. F. W. Pearsall,

215 West 23rd Street,

New York City.

My dear Mr. Pearsall:

Your good letter of the 31st is just received. I am very grateful to learn that "A Young Man's Questions" is proving serviceable.

I hope that you are very well, and with kind regard, I am

Your sincere friend,

September 3rd, 1907.

Mrs. Charles L. Bailey,

31 South Front Street,

Harrisburg, PA.

Dear Mother;

I am having sent to Mrs. Williams material on Japan, which I hope will be sufficient for her purposes.

I am glad to know that you got home safely, and also to hear that there is a hope that Mary's fever will not prove typhoid. Dr. Hamilton and his son, Will, who came home last week, are very seriously ill with what the doctor fears is typhoid.

Elliott and I went up to West Point on Saturday, but he was not at all well - had fever all Saturday night and Sunday morning, and did not get up until, feeling that I ought to get him home, I took him down Sunday afternoon. The doctor came to see him at once, but could not find anything serious the matter, however, and yesterday he was quite cheerful and got up in the afternoon, so that we hope that it was nothing but the need of a good dose of

Bep came on Saturday, and there is a possibility that Mrs. Sherman and Margaret may come to-day. Emma and Margaret and I are all well, and we had a very happy day yesterday. The little boy pounded his drum with tremendous zeal, in imitation of West Point, and I read to him and we worked over his postage stamps all afternoon.

I hope that you will come back soon and see how the desk fits.

With much love from us all, I am

Your affectionate son,

September 3rd, 1907.

Mr. John N. Feasey,

2240 No. Pennsylvania Street,

Indianapolis, IND.

Dear Mr. Feasey:

I have just telegraphed in reply to your kind letter, as you requested, that it will be impossible for me to come to the Convention of the Indiana Baptist Brotherhood. I have to be in Cleveland the evening of October 8th, and must go from there stright on to St. Louis, to fill appointments in connecti n with the Meetings of our Presbyterian Synods in the Southwest.

Very sincerely yours,

J.

September 3rd.,1907.

Mr. Edward Taning,
703 Bond Building,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Taning:

I wish I could accept your kind invitation, but I have already engagements for the first week in December that make it impossible for me to come. I would suggest your trying to get the Rev. C. A. R. Janvier or the Rev. J. C. R. Ewing, D.D., both of India. They are among our strongest missionaries and best speakers. Their addresses are respectively, 1409 South Broad St., Philadelphia. Pa., and Crafton, Pa.

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Very sincerely yours,

September 5th, 1907.

The Rev. J. S. Dickson, D. D.,
% A. W. Dickson,
616 Quincy Avenue,
Scranton, Pa.

My dear Dr. Dixon:

Last evening, some of the members of our Session had a consultation over the telephone, and decided that, inasmuch as we had not yet resumed the Sunday evening service after the Summer it might be better not to do so next Sunday. The only service, accordingly, will be the morning service at eleven o'clock.

I found out from Mrs. Speer last evening when I got home, that our house is going to be full next Sunday, and Mr. Dulles also called me up to demand that he be allowed to have you at his house; so I think we will have to make this arrangement.

In case I am not here Saturday morning, could you call him up on the telephone -- his city number is 2665 Courtlandt -- and let him know what time you will be out ?

I am sorry I have to be speaking in town Sunday morning and evening, and shall miss hearing you.

Ever your friend,

DTR.

J.

September 5th.,1907.

Mr. John R. Mott,

Montclair, N.J.

My dear John:

The enclosed report of a lecture by Dr. Howard Agnew Johnston in Seattle was sent me by Miss Jean Mateer with the request that after Mrs. Speer and I had read it I should give it to Mr. and Mrs. McConaughy and then to you and Mrs. Mott. If you wish to keep it, do not hesitate to do so.

Very affectionately yours,

Enclosure.

J.

September 5th.,1907.

The Rev. John C. Sharpe, D.D.,
Blairstown, N.J.

My dear Dr. Sharpe:

Your kind note of September 3rd is received. I wish I could accept your cordial invitation for the 15th, but I have already promised to speak that day in Paterson. There is a bare possibility that I might be able to come for the next Sunday, but I doubt whether I can as I have already promised to go that Sunday to the Hotchkiss School, and the matter is awaiting the return of the Headmaster, the principal. If I do not go up there, I might, as I say, be able to arrange to come to Blairstown; but I can not come the 15th.

Very cordially yours,

J.

Sept. 5th., 1907.

Mr. H. J. Schmidt,

Y.M.C.A.,

Wilmerding, Pa.

My dear Mr. Schmidt:

I am very sorry it will not be possible for me to accept your invitation to speak at your Men's Meetings this winter. I have already engagements either final or tentative for all my Sundays until next May or June.

Very Sincerely yours,

J.

Sept. 6th.,1907.

Rev. J. S. Dickson, D.D.,

[illegible] Fifth Ave.,

New York.

My dear Dr. Dickson:

Mr. Dulles insists on having you as his guest for Sunday, and hopes that you will come out on Saturday and stay until Monday. He will not get home he says until about four o'clock tomorrow afternoon, but has left instructions so that when you arrive you will be made at home and can take possession of everything- the house and the twelve acres of ground.

If you could telephone out to his house what train you will come out on, his carriage will meet you. His number is Englewood 147. If you don't know in advance what train you will take, you will find trains at the station, any one of which will take you to his house.

There are trains leaving the Erie Ferry at the foot of West 23rd St. at 12:25 12:55; 1:10; 2:25; 3:25; 3:40; 4:35; [illegible]; 5:52; 6:40 ; 7:55 P.M.

There will be only one service, at eleven o'clock in the morning. We have no evening service during the summer months.

If you can not come out to Englewood over Sunday, but prefer to go out Sunday morning and come back after the service, the only trains that will get you there in time are those leaving West 23rd St. at 8:25 and 9:25 A.M., and the latter would give you only half an hour margin which would be uncomfortable. If you come on the 8:25 train , go straight to Mr. Dulles' house.

Will you kindly select three hymns and a reading from the

[illegible] down to the church with [illegible] Sunday School before church, [illegible] before church. We [illegible] Tyson.

I am sorry that I have to be in town speaking myself.

Very affectionately yours,

J.

Sept. 9th.,1907.

Professor Charles R. Erdman,

Princeton, N.J.

My dear Charlie:

I do not know how soon you are coming down to Princeton, but I send you herewith a few extra copies of the invitation in case you need them.

The Secretary of the Philadelphian Society this coming year is George M. Duff, and he is at present at Carnegie, Pa. I have been writing him about something else and mentioned our meetings. In case we have the meeting over in Murray-Dodge Hall this year, I think it would be a good thing to invite him to come in. Even if you plan to have the meeting in some Seminary building, I think he would enjoy it and be helped by it.

Very affectionately yours,

J.

Sept. 8th., 1907.

Mr. George M. Duff,

Carnegie, Pa.

My dear Mr. Duff:

I am sorry not to have written to you before regarding the September 28th meeting. I shall be very glad to speak that night on "The Importance of a Man's Taking a Decisive Stand for Christ at the Beginning of his College Course."

I do not think Mr. Miller spoke to me about the series of meetings in March, but we can talk about them the 26th. I shall be down in Princeton all that day, as for several years now a number of us have been gathering there for a quiet day. Professor Erdman of the Seminary is arranging it this year. We have been accustomed to meet at Murray-Dodge Hall. I think that you will hear from him further about the matter.

Very cordially yours,

September 9th, 1907.

Professor Charles R. Erdman,

Princeton, N. J.

My dear Charlie:

Your note of the 8th is just received.

I think that I ought not to undertake to preside this year at the Quiet Day Conference. I believe it would be far better to have a change, and must insist on your presiding.

I have spoken to Mr. Day about coming down, and I think that he may be able to arrange after all. If he is able to do so, he will let you know in time.

It will be good to see you again. I only wish that we might have stayed up until this week, with you.

You will be sorry to hear that Dr. Hamilton, our pastor in Englewood, is sick with typhoid fever. Mr. J. Stuart Dickson preached for us yesterday, and is to preach for us next Sunday. If Dr. Hamilton's illness is prolonged, our Session may deem it wisest to attempt to secure someone to fill the pulpit regularly until Dr. Hamilton is well, and to take the Wednesday evening Prayer Meetings, and to take care of any emergency pastoral work, such as funerals. I have been wondering whether you would be available for this work. A friend asked me this morning whether you might not be, and I told him that I doubted whether you could do more, at the most, than to take the Sunday preaching. Would there, however, be any possibility of your doing it all, or if not, - the Sunday work ?

I should be very grateful if you could let me have just a word on receipt of this, that I might get it Wednesday morning.

Very affectionately yours,

With reference to the proposed meeting of the Seminary on October 1st, I am sorry to have to say that I shall have to be in Clifton Springs for all of Wednesday, and so will have to leave New York on the evening train the night of October 1st. One leaves at 9.20 in the evening, and the other at 11.30. I am afraid it will not be possible for me to get back from Princeton after your meeting that night. In that case, I shall have to give up the pleasure of being at that first monthly concert.

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September 9th, 1907.

Mrs. Mary E. Foster,

The Sanitarium,

Clifton Springs, New York.

My dear Mrs. Foster:

Your kind note of September 6th was received Saturday.

After getting your previous letter, I consulted with Dr. Leonard suggesting that in addition to our going up to Clifton Springs we might arrange for a meeting of all the members of the Board of Trustees here with you, at the time of your visit to Atlantic City. But since that visit will be later than our visit to the Sanitarium, we can talk that over when we come up.

We shall look forward to coming up on the night train, arriving the morning of October 2nd.

With kind regards, I am

Very cordially yours,

September 7th, 1907.

Mrs. B. W. Labaree,

Stamford, Conn.

My dear Mrs. Labaree:

After I gave you my copy of Tulk's "Religious Thought in Great Britain," I tried to get another copy for myself, and found, to my consternation, that the book was out of print. If, after you have read it, accordingly, you do not have any special use for it, and will send it back to me, I will promise to replace it with something else. It may not be as good, perhaps, but it will not be smaller in size.

I am on the last chapter of the Biography now, and hope soon to be taking up the revision of the chapters already written out.

Very cordially yours,

September 9th, 1907.

The Rev. John T. Faris,

1031 Walnut Street,

Philadelphia, PA.

My dear Mr. Faris:

I shall look forward with very much interest to the receipt of the material for the sketch of your brother's life and work. I am just completing, now, a long Biography of Dr. Cochran of Persia, and rejoice in the help and blessing which come to one through contact with such lives.

Could you have sent to me sometime, without inconveniencing yourself, a copy of "The Sunday School Times" containing an article which I wrote on "Special Objects?" I was about three years ago, I think, and it was a statement of the reasons for not giving money for the support of individual native helpers and scholars in schools, etc. What I wrote for "The Times" was an abbreviation of a leaflet which we used. That leaflet is out of print now, and I think it might be well for us to publish, as a leaflet, the article which appeared in "The Times," if you have no objection to our use ofit in this way.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated September 6th.

P. S. - I enclose herewith a copy of a letter which I am sending to Miss Longenhelt, in reply to her communication which you forwarded.

Enclosure.

September 9th, 1907.

The Rev. Francis A. Wilber,
Westminister House,
1125 Tenn. Street,
Lawrence, Kansas.

My dear Mr. Wilber:

Your good letter of August 20th has been recei ved, and I should have answered earlier, but I have been in the offices almost alone for some time, and it has been impossible to keep up with the correspondence.

I wish I could accept your invitation to speak at the State University, but I do not see how it is to be worked in. I have to be in Cleveland on the evening of October 8th, and at Emporia the evening of October 10th, and in Waxahachie, Texas, for the Synod there on October 12th. It will not be possible, I think, to stop at Lawrence on the way from Emporia to Waxahachie. If I am not needed at Emporia at all, excepting for the evening of October 10th, I might be able to stop off at Lawrence that morning. I think I could leave Cleveland about midnight October 8th, and take the Santa Fe train at 9 o'clock the next morning, reaching Lawrence at 10 o'clock Wednesday evening, October 9th. If I should speak at Lawrence on the morning of Friday, October 10th, I could take the noon train for Emporia. That would give me the afternoon and the evening of the 11th at Emporia, which ought surely to suffice, and I should be glad to do this if it would be of any service to you. I am afraid it will not, however, as I presume the morning would not be a suitable time for any kind of a meeting, but if you can arrange a meeting, and what I have suggested does not conflict with any of Dr. Bradt's plans, I should be glad to come.

I will send a copy of this letter to Dr. Bradt, for his information.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated September 6th.

September 10th, 1907.

Mr. A. G. Johnson,
Box 202,
Newark, N. J.

Dear Mr. Johnson:-

I am sorry to have to say that I cannot attend the State Christian Endeavor Convention this fall. Even if I could, I should have to ask to be excused from sending a photograph for publication. I think every man is entitled to one or two prejudices, and one of mine is a prejudice against having one's picture appear in the newspapers.

Very sincerely yours,

Sept.11,1907.

Arthur H. McCall
117 Driving Park Ave.,
Rochester,N.Y.

Very sorry. Already have other engagements.

Robert E.Speer.

September 10th, 1907.

Miss Edith A. Stark,
9 Clinton Place,
Utica, N. Y.

My dear Miss Stark:-

I wish I could accept your kind invitation to speak at the Bible Study Meeting at Vassar, on October 3rd, but I already have engagements for that week which make it impossible for me to go to Poughkeepsie that evening. I could come Tuesday evening, October 1st, in case I do not have to go to Princeton that evening. I am inclined to think that I may have to be in Princeton, however, and I suppose it would be impossible for you to hold your meeting any evening but Thursday.

Very cordially yours,

September 10th, 1907.

Mrs. James A. Beaver,

Bellefonte, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Beaver:-

I enclose a note from Stockholm which I know will interest you. It will be good to think of Hugh's life as extending its influence among the Swedish-speaking students as it has already reached the Danish students.

I hope that you are all well, and, with warmest love, I am

Your sincere friend,

September 10th, 1907.

Mr. Karl Fries,
No. 10 Barnhusgatan,
Stockholm, Sweden.

My dear Dr. Fries:-

I was very glad to receive a day or two ago your kind letter with reference to the translation of the Biography of Hugh Beaver in the Swedish. I shall be only too happy if the usefulness of the little book can be extended in this way, and give you and Mr. Hallström full liberty with reference to its abridgment and translation.

The Revell Company has no interest in the book, I think, beyond the English editions of it and will take no exception to its translation into Swedish.

Hugh Beaver's mother and father are both living, and are delighted to hear of every such fresh extension of the influence of their son's life.

I have kept informed, of course, regarding the student work in Japan and read your addresses at Tokyo, and have been glad to see your face in the pictures which have come to us, and I can understand how much you enjoyed the visit to India and China, as well. It was long ago years since I was in those countries, and I should love to go back now and see the immense changes which have taken place.

With kind regards,

Very faithfully yours,

September 10th, 1907.

The Rev. Harris H. Gregg, D. D.,
Washington & Compton Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

My dear Dr. Gregg:-

Your kind note of September 5th has been received.

I have heard nothing from Mr. Armstrong. I trust this may mean that he is going to publish the book and will correspond with you regarding it. If not and he returns it to me, I shall be very glad to take up the matter at once with some other publisher.

I appreciate very much the friendly words in your letter and the assurance of your prayer. I know much that has come to me through the prayerers of friends, and I think one of the joys of heaven will be the discovery of things that prayer wrought and of which we were unaware on earth.

Looking forward with pleasure to seeing you in St. Louis next month, I am

Very cordially yours,

September 10th,1907.

Dr. Matthew D. Mann,
c/o American Express Company,
London, England.

Dear Dr. Mann:-

If you have any time in New York after your arrival before you go on to Buffalo, Dr.Leonard and I will be very glad to meet with you for a talk over the Clifton Springs Sanitarium.

May I offer my sincerest sympathy with you and your family in the great sorrow which came to you this summer in the death of your son in China. I did not know until I saw it in the New York papers that this Mr. Mann was your son. I have heard him spoken of in the highest terms, and the sorrow in my own home just a year ago enables me to understand what this sorrow must mean to you.

Very faithfully yours,

September 10th, 1907.

Mr. Wilfred W. Fryer,
Y.M.C.A.,
South & Seventh Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.

My dear Mr. Fryer:-

Your kind note of the 6th was received yesterday.

I wish I could accept your invitation for the 10th. I remember very well the cordial invitations your Anniversary Committee has extended previous years, and I had hoped, in case the invitation was renewed this year, to accept, but I am sorry to have to say that I have now other engagements which will make it impossible for me to come.

Very cordially yours,

September 18th, 1907.

Mr. John E. Miller,

New York City.

My dear Mr. Miller:-

I gave your three messages to the session at its meeting last week.

Perhaps the clerk of the session will be sending you word regarding the arrangements for next Sunday; but, to make sure, I take it on myself to write, saying that the Rev. J. E. Dickson, D. D., who preached last Sunday, is to preach next Sunday; also, that there will be no evening service; also, that I am asking Dr. Dickson to send you the hymns and the number of the Psalter selection so that you will receive them not later than Saturday.

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated Sept.11th.

September 12th, 1907.

Mr. J. M. Ewing,

Newport, Perry County, Pa.

My dear Mr. Ewing:-

Your kind note of August 26th was received a fortnight ago.

I remember very well our talk at the General Assembly and your warm invitation at that time, and I wish I could see some prospect of being able to accept. I have, however, all my Sundays full until next June, and so many other engagements that I do not see now any possibility of my going out to Newport. If I ever find that I can go, I shall be very glad to do so, and to be of any service to you and to the young people whose interests you have at heart.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated Sept. 10th.

September 12th,1907.

Miss Mary Breese Fuller,
123 Elm Street,
Northampton, Mass.

My dear Mary:-

I was delighted to get this morning your letter of yesterday, telling of your going back to Northampton, and I do hope that you may find yourself quite strong again and entirely able to go on with your work.

I was glad to hear of Dr.Barry, of whom I have known for some years. I should think he and Mrs. Barry could live as comfortably in Kuling as at Muskoka. The climate is excellent and the altitude good, and I think the missionaries in China generally feel that no more healthful spot could be found anywhere.

As to what opening there may be there for a private sanitarium by which a man could support himself, however, I cannot say. During the summer there are many medical missionaries there from the various missions, who are expected to look after the missionaries belonging to their own Society. Whether there is a physician there during the winter, I do not know. If plans which are under way for the building up of a large school for missionaries' children succeed, there will certainly be need of a physician there all the year ground. Fortunately, there is at present in this country one of the counsel of the Kuling Estate, who knows the conditions thoroughly, and Dr. Barry could not do better than correspond with him. I refer to the Rev. F. E. Meigs, of Nanking. Just at present, he is in Cincinnati and can be addressed there, care of the Rev. A. McLean,D.D., of the Foreign Christian Missionary Society. He is coming back to New York soon, however, and while here gets his mail in our care. I would ad-

vise Dr.Barry's corresponding with him.

Thank you very much for your congratulations. I had hoped to be able to stay home to-day to celebrate, but there was so much work that I could not do so, while I shall try to go out on an early train this afternoon. Emma and Elliott will be there. Margaret went off, however, last week to Wilmington with Mrs.Sherman and Daisy, but she was expected to come back to-day. They would all, I know, wish to join in sending love.

Your sincere friend,

Dictated Sept.10th.

September 12th,1907.

Miss Annie L. Whitney,

Alstead Centre, N. H.

My dear Miss Whitney:-

Your note of August 17th was received just a little while after my return to New York, and I am sorry to have been so slow in replying.

It will not be possible for me to go over to Bryn Mawr any time in November, and I have engagements for all of my Sundays until next June; so that I do not see any possibility of going over for any one of the Sunday meetings. I wish I could be of some real service to you.

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated Sept.10th.

Sept. 12th, 1907.

Mr. Samuel Van Saun Mabey,

226 Broadway,

Paterson, N. J.

My dear Mr. Mabey:-

I have selected the following hymns for the morning service:

636, 568, and 118

and the following for the evening service:

501, 508, and 624.

Very cordially yours,

September 12th, 1907.

he Rev. W. T. Elsing, D. D.,

280 Rivington Street,

New York City.

My dear Dr. Elsing:

I should be glad to accept your invitation for October 20th, if I could do so, but I expect to be in Waxahachie, Texas, that Sunday, at the meeting of the Texas Synod, and shall have to be away almost all of October, in connection with Synod Meetings in the Southwest.

If I were to be here, and had that Sunday free, I should be happy to come to the De Witt Memorial. There is no invitation which it would be a more genuine pleasure to accept than yours.

Very cordially yours,

September 12th, 1907.

The Rev. John Timothy Stone,

Brown Memorial Manse,

Baltimore, MD.

My dear John:

I appreciated very much your telegram of congratulation and also Mrs. Stone's very kind letter with the photographs. That picture of you and Horace was evidently taken on your way to Hell Gate; no one ever emerged from there looking so spruce and prim. I had a great pang in my heart when I looked at that picture and thought that I had not been there. We mustn't have any more Summers like this one - it isn't right; and I shall look forward to a good weekly trip with you next Summer.

Very affectionately yours,

September 12th, 1907.

Miss Grace Cogswell,
Mountain Meadows,
Keene Valley, Essex Co.,
New York.

My dear Miss Cogswell:

Your very kind note of September 3rd was received last week. I remember a visit which Mrs. Speer and I made to Miss Dowd's School some years ago. I am sorry that so many years have passed since, without my being able to come back, although every year some of the girls have sent a cordial invitation.

I should be glad to come up some time this year if possible, but cannot come this fall, as I have other engagements for both October and November which will prevent. If, later in the school year, it is practicable, I shall be very glad indeed to come.

Will you please thank your brother for his cordial letter, reinforcing yours ?

Very cordially yours,

September 12th, 1907.

The Rev. John Harvey Lee,

Germantown,

Philadelphia, PA.

My dear Mr. Lee:

Your kind note of September 5th has been received.

I have kept your cordial invitation in mind and on my memorandum, but it is still a little uncertain as to whether I can arrange to come, and I almost fear that I can't, but I shall try to let you know definitely soon.

I hope that you have had a good Summer, and with kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Sept.13,1907.

Rev. Chas. W. [illegible]

[illegible], N. J.

Can you preach for us Englewood September [illegible] Please wire.

R.M.Speer.

Sept.13th,1907.

Miss Martha P. Tracy,
General Secretary Y.M.C.A.,
Paterson, N. J.

My dear Miss Tracy:-

Your kind note of September 9th has been received.

I am looking forward with pleasure to next Sunday in Paterson, and am glad to be reminded of the afternoon meeting in the First Baptist Church in the interests of the Bible study work with your Association.

I shall be staying with Miss Butler, and she will direct me, I know, to the meeting.

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated Sept.11th.

September 13th,1907.

Prof. Chas. R. Erdman,

Princeton, N. J.

My dear Charlie:-

I think it will be find to have Dr.Hoskins at Princeton, and am sending him an invitation.

Mr. Day will be able to arrange to come, I think. He will probably send you word.

Very affectionately yours,

Dictated Sept.11th.

September 14th, 1907.

Mr. Griffith Bertholf,

Tappan, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Bertholf:-

It was very kind of you to send me the postal card with the most attractive picture of Washington's Headquarters. I am taking it home this evening for the collection of one of my children.

Elliott and I very greatly enjoyed our little trip to Tappan, and were especially grateful to you and your aunts for all your kindness. We miss you very much here, and shall be glad to see you whenever you can come in.

With best wishes,

Very cordially yours,

Dictated Sept.12th.

September 13th, 1907.

Mr. F. H. Jacobs,

113 Fulton Street,

New York City.

My dear Mr. Jacobs:-

Among my most cherished childhood memories is the recollection of our family prayers, morning and evening, and the Sunday afternoons with my father, reading the Bible and memorizing psalms. I can picture to myself at any time the scene at family prayers and the very corner and chair at which my father used to kneel, and I pity the life that is destitute of such memories, and do not propose that the lives of my children shall be.

Many a man, however, who looks back gratefully to the family prayers of his boyhood is making it impossible for his sons to cherish any such blessed recollection. Whatever we are thankful to our fathers for giving us, it seems to me we ought to make it possible for our children to be thankful to us for.

I trust that the anniversary week may be a very helpful time.

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated Sept.12th.

Sept.14th, 1907.

Mr. C. G. Trumbull,
1031 Walnut Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Charlie:-

I return herewith Dr. Hoskins' memorandum for your files; and if it ever is important that anything more exact should be looked up, I will have old account books and letter files searched.

I think I wrote sometime ago, thanking you for your good letter written from Silver Bay. I was delighted to get it, and I love to think of our love.

I hope you got from Charlie Erdman an invitation to the quiet day at Princeton, on September 26th. They were to be sent both to you and to Phil. I trust that you may both be able to come.

I am delighted to hear from Mr. Hartshorne that a whole day is to be given at the Sunday School Convention in Louisville next spring to the subject of missions, and I have just been sending him an outline of the subjects which I think might well be treated that day.

With a great deal of love to Aline and you,

Ever affectionately yours,

Dictated Sept.12th.

September 14th, 1907.

The Rev. J. R. Miller, D. D.,

Witherspoon Bldg., Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Miller:-

I have been back in my office for more than a month, but I have been back in my correspondence for a good many more months than that, and am sorry I could not answer earlier your good letter of July 12th.

I shall be glad to try to prepare the little Sunday School Handbook. I understand that Mr. Trull is doing something of the sort for "The Sunday School Times", but I do not know in what form. And perhaps I had better not consult him, so that the two little manuals will not too much resemble one another. I have made out to-day a list of the subjects which should be treated in such a handbook, and, if I can, shall send it to you sometime later in the fall.

I hope that you are very well, and, with warmest love, I am

Ever your friend,

Dictated Sept. 12th.

September 14th, 1907.

Mr. J. Wesley Schutz,
Vice-President Y.M.C.A.United States Military Academy,
West Point, N. Y.

My dear Mr.

Your kind note of September 2nd, enclosing a blank voucher, is received. I have filled it in for the amount of my railroad ticket, but have not entered the hotel bill, which I paid at West Point. Will you kindly tell Atkisson that I paid the bill, so that the hotel may not charge it to him?

My recollection is that it was only the railroad expenditures which were a legitimate charge against the Academy.

I was very glad to go up again and meet the fellows, and am only sorry that I could not stay for the Sunday evening meeting. My small boy is all right now, but it was a day or two before he was himself again. Fortunately, there was nothing very serious the matter, but he was a very miserable little boy up at West Point and on the way home.

I wish you would remember me to all the fellows who were at Northfield, and to those I met Saturday evening. I trust that this may be a great year at the Academy, and that many men may go out strengthened in Christian faith and character, to live worthily of Christ.

Your sincere friend,

Dictated Sept.12th.

September 19th, 1927.

The Rev. H. W. Ballentine, D. D.,

Orange, N. J.

My dear Dr. Ballentine:-

This is to confirm our telephone conversation of last evening with reference to the coming Sunday.

We are very happy indeed to look forward to your preaching for us both morning and evening. The morning service is at eleven o'clock and the evening service at eight o'clock. Englewood is on one of the branches of the Erie, and there is a train leaving 23rd Street at 8.45 Sunday morning, leaving Jersey City at 8.44, and arriving at Englewood at 9.11. The next train leaves 23rd Street at 9.25, Jersey City at 9.50 and arrives at Englewood at 10.28. The church is not far from the station.

Will you kindly send the three hymns for the morning service and three hymns for the evening, and selections from the Psalter for both, although I am not sure that there is a Psalter reading in the evening order of service--to Mr. John E. Miller, Englewood, N. J., so that he may send them to him by Saturday. We use the Presbyterian Hymnal.

Mr. [illegible], one of the elders, will hope to have the pleasure of taking you home with him between the services. I should claim this pleasure myself, but I have to be in Paterson for Sunday, and shall miss the day in Englewood.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated Sept.18th.

September 12th, 1907.

Mr. John H. Miller,
20 Nassau Street,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Miller:-

The session has arranged to have the pulpit supplied next Sunday, September 22nd, by the Rev. H. W. Ballantine, D. D., formerly Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Bloomfield, now of Orange.

I am asking Dr.Ballantine to send you the hymns and Psalter selection, so that they will reach you in Englewood on Saturday.

I was not at the session meeting on Sunday, but understand that there is to be an evening service, so that I am asking Dr.Ballantine to send you the hymns for both services. I do not know whether there is a Sunday reading in the evening, but I shall ask him to send one so that you may have it in case there is one.

Thereafter, the Rev. J. E. Frame, one of the professors of Union Theological Seminary, is to supply the pulpit,and take charge also of the Wednesday evening services. I understand that the remuneration for his services is fixed at sixty dollars ($60.00) per week.

Very faithfully yours,

September 19th, 1907.

Rev. John Timothy Stone,

1316 Park Avenue,

Baltimore, Md.

My dear John:

I am sorry to have to say that I have engagements for November 10th and January 12th, and a tentative one for March 15th, although this last date is still in my control although I have had correspondence regarding it from Baldwin and also from the Madison Avenue Church here. If it would really be of help to you, though, if I should come down then, I shall be glad to try to compass it.

The cable to Mr. and Mrs. Borst was sent yesterday. They did not state where they were going to be married, but there is a possibility that they may have been in Shanghai, but the cable will reach them all right.

I can scarcely believe that that photograph of you and Horace was taken after a trip, even such a gentle trip as down to Owens. I don't wonder at his thought of getting out of the woods. It won't seem to be the same place, though, if he is gone, and we have to make the acquaintance of some new man.

I want to see you more than I can say, and am

Ever lovingly yours,

September 19th, 1907.

Mr. Samuel Van Gaun Muzzy,

226 Broadway,

New York City.

My dear Mr. Muzzy:

the hymns for Sunday will be,

For the morning, - 271 - 518 and 531

For the evening - 529-492 and 438.

Please ask the choir to use the old familiar tune for 438; I think it is Syria.

Very cordially yours,

September 20th, 1907.

Mr. Nathan Wilbur Helm,

Exeter, N. H.

My dear Mr. Helm:-

My program is now finally made out for the coming fall and winter and spring. The appointment for March 29th at Andover still stands, although I am writing to Mr. Stearns to make sure that that date does not fall in the spring vacation. If it does and I can make any readjustment, I shall be glad to do so; and in that case I should be glad to come to Exeter for Saturday evening.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated Sept. 18th.

September 20th,1907.

Principal Alfred E. Stearns,

Andover, N. H.

My dear Mr. Stearns:-

Mr. Helm, of Exeter, has been very cordial in his invitations to me to come there, but I have told him I could not do so for any Sunday, but would be glad to speak for them the Saturday night before my Sunday in Andover. He writes, however, that March 29th, which would be the Saturday, is in their spring vacation. This has led me to wonder whether March 29th might be in your spring vacation. I assume, however, that your previous letter, approving of that date, was an intimation that it did not fall on a vacation Sunday.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated Sept.18th.

September 20th, 1907.

The Rev. M. J. Thompson,

112 Mason Street,

Schenectady, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Thompson:-

I am very sorry that it will not be possible for me to accept your very kind invitation for Thursday evening, October 10th. I shall be on my way, at that time, from Chicago to Emporia, Kansas. I have to leave New York on the evening of the 7th, and shall not be back for two or three weeks.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated Sept.18th.

September 20th, 1907.

Mr. Chas. F. Powlison,

318 West 57th Street,

New York City.

My dear Mr. Powlison:-

Your kind note of September 11th was received last week.

There is nothing which Mr. Slade would ask which I would not gladly do for friendship's sake, if in my power, but I do not think I could have promised to speak two Sunday evenings for you at the West Side Association. Sunday, December 22nd, I have already promised to speak at the Juvenile Asylum at Dobbs Ferry, if I can go anywhere that day, and I am not quite clear yet regarding December 29th. If you will drop me a note toward the end of October, if it is not too late for your plans and I find I can come for that day, I shall be glad to do so.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated Sept.18th.

September 20th, 1907.

The Rev. George O. Tamblin,

Leonia, N. J.

My dear Mr. Tamblin:-

Your kind letter of September 11th has been received.

I should be glad to come down sometime, if practicable, to speak in the Leonia church, but I have no Sunday morning or evening in the near future when I could come. There are two or three Sundays that I shall be in Englewood, but I have already other work for those evenings. Early in October, I have to go West for meetings of the Synods, and shall not be back until the close of that month. It is not impossible that I might come down sometime in November, and if you will remind me of it toward the end of October, I should be very glad to let you know.

With best wishes for the success of your work, I am

Very cordially yours,

Dictated Sept.18th.

September 20th, 1907.

Mr. S. A. Keene,
Y. M. C. A.,
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Sir:-

Your kind note of September 7th has been received. I am sorry it will not be possible for me to accept your invitation, but I have already engagements for all of my Sundays until next June.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated Sept.18th.

September 20th, 1907.

The Rev. John Timothy Stone,
Brown Memorial Manse,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear John:-

I am very sorry that I cannot come down for February 9th, but that Sunday and the following I have promised to be at Yale.

I hope that you are all comfortably settled again at home, and, with warmest love to all the family, I am

Ever affectionately yours,

Dictated Sept. 18th.

September 21st, 1907.

The Rev. J. W. Martin,

Hackettstown, N. J.

My dear Mr. Martin:-

Your very kind letter of the 16th has been received.

I wish I could accept your invitation, but I already have engagements for the first Sunday in December, and for all my Sundays until next June.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated Sept. 18th.

September 19th, 1907.

Mr. Cornelius F. Vanderdirst,
22 Church St.,
Paterson, N. J.

My dear Mr. Vanderdirst:-

Your very kind letter with its enclosures has been received. I am very grateful for them and thankful if any word spoken on Sunday was of comfort or help.

Very cordially yours,

September 21st, 1907.

Principal John W. Sharp,

Blairstown, N. J.

My dear Dr. Sharp:

I am very sorry to have to say that I have another engagement for September 19th, and that all of my Sundays are either finally or tentatively provided for until the middle of June. I am very sorry. As I wrote, I could have come over to Blairstown for to-morrow - Sunday, the 22nd. That was the only Sunday this fall that I could arrange to come.

Very cordially yours.

September 21st/ 1907.

My dear Mr. Cline:

I am very sorry to have to say that I already have engagements for September 29th, and for all of my Sundays until next June. As I wrote, I could have come to Blairstown for to-morrow - Sunday, the 22nd. That is the only Sunday that I han free this fall.

Very cordially yours,

September 23rd,1907.

Messrs. Hodder & Stroughton,
St.Paul's House,
Warwick Square, London, England.

Dear Sirs:-

Your kind note with reference to the publication of the Duff Lectures in 1910 has been received.

I should be very glad to take advantage of your offer were it not for the fact that the Fleming H. Revell Company has published what books I have written, and is desirious of publishing these Lectures both in the United States and Great Britain. The courtesy of the Revell Company in the publication of my other books leads me to feel that I ought to accept their proposal in connection with these Lectures.

Thanking you again for your kind inquiry, I am

Very truly yours,

Dictated Sept.18th.

September 22nd, 1907.

Prof. John Henry Strong,
Theological Seminary,
Rochester, N. Y.

My dear John:-

Your good note of the 14th has been received. I received also the postal card from Maine, which I would have answered, but was waiting until you should get back to Rochester.

I have been hoping that it might be possible to come up to Rochester for the Missionary Conference, but I cannot come for either of the two Sundays. Mr. Strayer has been very cordial in his invitations, and I should have been glad to come up for the sake of his church, but I shall have to give it up. I confess that my chief desire for coming, however, is to see you and to be with you; and whenever it becomes possible to come up to gratify that desire, you may be sure that I shall come.

Please make sure, in your plans for next summer, that nothing takes you off to Maine from Diamond Pond. Diamond Pond is just your place. I know this on a priore and a posteriori grounds.

Ever affectionately yours,

Dictated Sept. 13th.

September 23rd, 1907.

Mr. W. R. Moody,

East Northfield, Mass.

My dear Will:-

I am sorry I cannot be at the meeting of the corporators on September 23rd, but it will be impossible for me to go up to Mt.Hermon on that day.

As for your letter of September 13th with its numerous flings, it is evident that you did not read it over before signing it, just as I had not read over the letter on which you comment. It is all right, however, and I won't take advantage of the numerous opportunities to have back at you.

I know that you are simply trying to keep up your spirits in view of May's absence, and my heart does go out to you and to her; but it will be a grand reunion when she comes back.

Watson's "View of Japan" has come, and I shall watch for James' "Pragmatism", which is a juicy book which I shall love to read and to constrain myself to review.

We are all well and happy and I am working at home to-day in the hope of being able to catch up a bit with back correspondence.
Come down and see us when you can.

With warm love,

Ever your friend,

Dictated Sept.13th.

September 23rd, 1907.

The Rev. W. F. Teale, Th.M.,

Reading, Pa.

Dear Mr. Teale:-

Your kind note of September 12th is received. I wish I could accept your cordial invitation, but I have other engagements which will prevent my doing so.

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated Sept.18th.

September 20th, 1907.

Miss Lollie Henry,

Thornton, Ontario, Canada.

My dear Miss Henry:-

I am sorry not to have been able to send you before a copy of the little poem, "I Shall Not Pass This Way Again," which I quoted Sunday morning at the Young Women's Conference at Silver Bay. I think that was the only poem I quoted, but I am sending you several others that I have quoted at other times, which may be of use to you.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated Sept.18th.
Enclosure

[illegible] 22nd, [illegible].

Mr. H. J. Schmidt,

Wilmerding, Pa.

My dear Mr. Schmidt:-

Your kind note of the 13th is received.

I am sorry to have to say that I cannot make engagements now for the fall of 1908, and especially for the month of October, which I always have to reserve for engagements in connection with our Synods. Moreover, there is so much work to do in connection with my own immediate responsibilities that I can only be of service in the Sunday afternoon meetings of the Y.M.C.A. when I can do this as incidental to my other work; and it has been necessary for sometime to cease making Sunday engagements especially for the Association meetings, although I very much enjoy these meetings and am glad to help in them whenever I can.

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated Sept. 16th.

September [illegible], 1897.

The Rev. Anson Phelps Stokes, Jr.,

New Haven, Conn.

My dear Mr. Stokes:-

I was very glad to get your note of September 14th, with a copy of your letter to Dr. Coffin regarding Mr. Lusk.

I know Mr. Lusk and have heard also from others. I judge from your letter that he is still in Brooklyn, and it is a little difficult to open my field for him where he is here and would meet with those who may have responsibility for a church. We have a great many good churches which are looking for a capable man; and if Mr. Lusk comes over, and if, in addition to the qualities of which you speak and of which I have heard, he has ability to stay with a monotonous task, or with work which can only be effectually done by a man who has that ability.- I think that there will be no trouble in getting him so glad. Do you know anything of his plans of coming back here?

I know of a dozen churches now, some of them among our churches with best possibilities, which are looking for good men.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated Sept.18th.

September 24th, 1907.

Miss Eleanor Irene Burns,

Bristol, Pa.

My dear Miss Burns:-

I have had in mind often this summer your note of July 8th, and I wish there might be some opportunity for a good talk over the questions which perplex you and which I think will in time come to seem to you to be the simplest and most fundamental questions in Christianity.

I have just been writing to a young man out West, who is facing the question of his missionary duty and who is puzzled because the aspect of duty and the desire to be at peace in his conscience through the fulfillment of his duty appear to him to be occupying a larger place with him than is filled by the joy of service or the feeling of love. I think I shall venture to enclose a copy of the letter I am just sending him in reply.

I enclose herewith also a reprint in "The Sunday School Times" of an old address of Dr. Trumbull's, which I think may be of help. What is obedience, after all, except the effort to please one who is loved? And how can love express itself save in obedience and activity?

Have you ever read Dr. Trumbull's "Friendship the Master Passion"? I think that also would be of help to you; and also Dr. Robert L. Thompson's "The Divine Order of Human Society".

Certainly, the last thing in the world that love can be reduced to is mere feeling. Love is the will to serve, the purpose to do duty, whatever the feeling may be.

I hope that you may have a good year at Wellesley, if you go

[illegible] Sept. 24, 1907.

Best there this year, and, with the confidence [illegible] which the [illegible]
will all vanish, I am

Very [illegible] yours,

Richmond Sept. 16th.
Enclosures.

September 24th, 1907.

Mr. Chas. H. Fahs,

150 Fifth Ave., New York City.

My dear Mr. Fahs:-

Your kind note of the 13th, with reference to the estimate of George Bowen's character contained in "Is Christianity True", has been received and I am very grateful for it. If you have the book and can lend it to me, I should be glad to make the copy of the reference to Bowen.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated Sept.18th.

September 25th, 1907.

Miss Edith A. Start,
Vassar College,
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

My dear Miss Start:-

I am sorry I cannot come for Sunday, November 10th, but I have, I think, engagements for all of my Sundays until next June.

Have you tried to get Mr. Mott? I do not know whether he could come, but I am sure he would be glad to be of help to you, if he could.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated Sept.18th.

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In coming [illegible] telephone message of yesterday, and was glad [illegible] Wilson's cordial note. I may be able to see him, [illegible] my letter to him I let he feel that you and I would come [illegible] would be of service. If I see him tomorrow and discover any [illegible] I should help further this important matter, I shall be [illegible].

I am very sorry that my chance to Princeton will [illegible] will prevent my having the pleasure of being with you [illegible].

Faithfully yours for ever,

[illegible]

[illegible] Hope, dear Mr.

[illegible]

It was a pleasure to receive this morning your note of Sept. [illegible].

My home address is [illegible], New Jersey, or letters sent to my [illegible] will be forwarded. I have to be in the [illegible] of the month of October, and expect to spend the last [illegible] month in Pottstown, and shall be passing thru Philadelphia [illegible], [illegible], and would possibly arrange to call on you at [illegible].

Very sincerely yours,

September 25th., 1907.

Mr. George S. McCarter,
Colt Building,
Paterson, N. J.

My dear Mr. McCarter:-

Your kind note of the 22rd, with its enclosure, is received.

I received, also, your cordial letter of a week ago and wrote a reply to it, but found afterwards that I was going to see you before my reply could get to you. I appreciate very much your kindness, and I have very greatly enjoyed these two Sundays in the Church of the Redeemer.

Very cordially yours,

[illegible], September 25th, 1907.

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[illegible], [illegible].

Dear Mr. Randolph:-

[illegible] to publish here "if" desired to copies

my two letters to you with reference to Mr. Bronson.

It was a great pleasure to talk with you this morning, and

I shall be happy if I can be of any service to you in your immediate quest.

Very cordially yours,

[illegible]

September 26th, 1907.

Mr. James A. Bullard,

Williamstown, Mass.

My dear Mr. Bullard:

Your kind note of September 17th is received. I have not yet heard from President Hopkins, but shall be glad to hold Sunday, December 15th, until I do hear, and if I come up then shall, of course, be glad to speak at the Y. M. C. A. Meeting that evening.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated September 24th.

September 26th, 1907.

Mr. Willis K. Lougee,

The Grenfell Association,

156 Fifth Avenue, New York.

My dear Mr. Lougee:

Your interesting letter regarding the Grenfell Association has been received.

I am glad of the work which Dr. Grenfell is doing, but I know of so many causes which seem to me of equal and greater importance, and which have not such a body of friends behind them, that I feel that they have prior claims on whatever I might be able to do.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated September 24th.

September 26th, 1907.

William K. McCandlish,

Wooster, OHIO.

My dear William:

I was very glad to get your letter regarding the birds' nests, which I will show to my children as they are also very much interested in birds.

I am glad that your family is all united again, and that you can have this year with your father and mother. Please give them my warmest regards.

Your sincere friend,

Dictated September 24th.

September 26th, 1907.

The Rev. Charles Stoddard Lane,

136 Cottage Avenue,

~~Yonkers~~, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Lane:

Your kind note of the 20th has been received. I am sorry to have to say that I have an engagement for January 12th, and indeed, for every other Sunday until the middle of June. I appreciate the cordiality of your invitation, and I should very much enjoy coming if it were possible. Could you not get the new Secretary, Stanley White, to come ?

Very cordially yours,

Dictated September 24th.

September 26th, 1907.

The Rev. William Biggerstaff,

934 West Lehigh Avenue,

Philadelphia, PA.

My dear Mr. Biggerstaff:

Your very kind letter has been received and I wish I could accept your invitation, but I do not see any possibility of being able to do so. I have no engagement in Philadelphia at the present time until May 24th, and my engagement then, I think, will occupy afternoon as well as morning and evening. I wish I could come to help you, and I should be glad to do so if I could.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated September 24th.

September 26th, 1907.

Mr. J. M. Montgomery,

[illegible] Front Street,

New York City.

Dear Mr. Montgomery:

Might I ask for what you would sell the little red out-building, still standing on your property at Englewood, or whether, if you were simply going to break it up as of no further use, I might have the privilege of removing it ? With some repairs and painting it could be made a very nice playhouse for the children of the neighborhood, and I could easily remove it to the inside corner of my property from where it now stands. It may be, however, that you have some other use for it, or that it is of more value than would warrant my thinking of this plan. I see that the few shed that was beside it has been removed and placed beyond your house and has now completed its second journey.

Very cordially yours,

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Sept.30,1907.

The Rev. A. Russell Stevenson, D.D.,

Schenectady, N. Y.

Has Raymond accepted call to First Church

Buffalo. Please wire.

Robert E.Speer.

Dr. George C. Holmes,

Boonton, N. J.

My dear Dr. Holmes:-

I returned to Englewood last [illegible] over Sunday, and I found your notes of September [illegible] I am very, very sorry to hear that Mrs. Holmes is not well; [illegible] good rest, under competent care, may entirely [illegible]

I am not sure that there is anyone [illegible] skillful in the way you describe, but I cannot [illegible] unless it might be Dr. Lollock's, at Clifton Springs. [illegible] remarkable success, and a number of my friends have [illegible] voted. Was that the place where Mrs. Holmes was before? If so, you will know all about it. If not, I think it might be worth your while [illegible] of going there where a specialty is made of just such [illegible]

A good deal of this same sort of work, however, is done at Clifton. Dr. Spaulding is the senior physician there, and he is a [illegible] man, as well, I believe, as a thoroughly conscientious physician.

I am sending this note to you at Bowson, hoping [illegible] catch you before you start; and I enclose a letter of introduction to Mr. Hostwick, the Assistant Superintendent of the Sanitarium, on whom the burden really rest. I am sending a duplicate of this letter to you [illegible] to Mr. Hostwick to Clifton Springs, to reach you there in case you will [illegible] left Boonton.

We shall indeed be thinking of you, [illegible] that Mrs. Holmes may soon be quite strong again.

Your affectionate friend,

[illegible]

October 1st, 1907.

Dr. A. J. Bostwick,

Clifton Springs, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Bostwick -

This will introduce to you Dr. and Mrs. George W. Holmes.

Mr. Holmes was for many years one of our most beloved and useful missionaries in Russia, and was only compelled to leave the field because of the health of Mrs. Holmes and himself. Mrs. Holmes was nervously broken down for a time, but for a number of years has seemed to be quite well again. But Dr. Holmes writes that she is again in need of care and treatment, and he is going with her to Clifton Springs. They are no longer formally connected with our Board, and so are not entitled to the use of any of our sanitariums, which otherwise we should be glad to place at their disposal. But as Christian workers they would be entitled to the generous courtesies of the Sanitarium on that score.

Dr. Holmes has been at Clifton before, and, in times past, has known some doctors there in whose hands he would scarcely wish Mrs. Holmes' case placed. It is a case, I imagine, where quite as much would depend upon the spiritual and psychological treatment as the physical. I hope that the Sanitarium may accomplish for Mrs. Holmes all that we could wish. I count Dr. and Mrs. Holmes among my dearest friends, and am glad to commend them to your very special interest.

Very cordially yours,

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October 1st, 1907.

President M. Carey Thomas,

Bryn Mawr, Pa.

My dear Miss Thomas:-

Your kind note of Sept. 26th, with reference to the College fortnightly meetings, has been received.

I shall [illegible] very glad to [illegible] for December [illegible] will be satisfactory.

[illegible]

Dictated Sept. 30th.

October 1st, 1907.

The Young Men's [illegible]

[illegible] Street, [illegible],

New York City.

Dear Sirs:-

This will introduce Mr. Manuel L. Lopez, from Santiago, Chili, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church there and a graduate of the Institute [illegible] Boys, under the care of our Presbyterian Mission.

Lopez has recently come to New York and is seeking employment. He has some general knowledge of double entry book-keeping, and will [illegible] [illegible]. Can you help him in the matter [illegible].

Very sincerely yours,

[illegible].

[illegible] Dec, 1897.

Mr. Samuel M. Hopper, D.,

[illegible] East 41st St.,

New York City.

Dear Sir:-

I shall be very glad to see you sometime, but I am leaving the City, to be gone for several weeks, but hope to be back at the end of the month and to be here through November and December.

You cannot not to wait until that time, [illegible] position, and I am enclosing herewith a note of introduction to the Men's Christian Association, which I hope may be [illegible] you. When I return to the City, I shall be glad to see you.

I think that you have already [illegible] church here. I could suggest none of our [illegible] but inasmuch as your connection in Santiago was [illegible] church, I should think it would be more natural for you to attach yourself to some Methodist church here. I do not know which one would be most convenient to you [illegible] living place, but the Secretaries of the Methodist [illegible], would be glad to advise you, or you might call on the Rev. F. [illegible] 10 Fifth Avenue, who would, I am sure, if you tell him that I suggested your calling his opinion, give you good advice.

Very sincerely yours,

[illegible]

[illegible] 1907.

Mr. E. V. Davison,

Englewood, N. J.

My dear Mr. Davison:-

I have been expecting to spend Wednesday at Clifton Springs, New York, and, in case I go there, I shall not be able to attend the session meeting Wednesday evening.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated Sept. [illegible]

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[illegible] Service,

New York City.

[illegible]

I have mentioned Mr. McMillan's [illegible] to one of the elders in the Church of the Redeemer, in Paterson. [illegible] may be invited to preach there, and I shall be glad to [illegible] if [illegible] congregations present themselves for recommending [illegible]

Very cordially [illegible]

Dictated Sept.30th.

October 1st, 1907.

Mr. Francis G. Van Dyk,

Paterson, N. J.

My dear Mr. VanDyk:-

The two men of whom I spoke the other day, when you were here, were Mr. Luck and Mr. McLellan.

Mr. Luck is from the north of Ireland. [illegible] took his theological education at Princeton, however, and has worked for [illegible] in this country in the Adirondacks, where he was unusually successful in his work among all classes. My friend, the Rev. [illegible] Phelps Stokes, secretary of Yale University, writes regarding him:

"He is an unusual man, [illegible] his [illegible] personality and his deep interest in men. [illegible] along perfectly with everybody in the Adirondacks and had [illegible] of all of [illegible] He was just as welcome and just as much respected [illegible] of Mr. Frederick Vanderbilt and Mr. William Reid, for [illegible] was in [illegible] cabins of the guides. He likes all types and [illegible] He is engaged to a very sensible young Irish girl [illegible] Mrs. Walter James, have met and like particularly."

I understand that Mr. Luck is now in Ireland, but will be back in this country in October. He can be addressed, I think, in care of Mr. Stokes, at Yale University, or Mr. Stokes, I think, will make any arrangement for his preaching.

Mr. McLellan is from Liverpool, where he has a splendid church. He married [illegible] Cochran, granddaughter of Robert Carter, the publisher, whose family [illegible] in New York City. The Rev. O.H. Bronson, who has charge of the Spring [illegible] Presbyterian Church at present, and whose address is 244 Sp[illegible] Street, New York City, tells me that Mr. McLellan is now on his way to this country, and that he is going to have him preach for him one Sunday.

I would suggest, also, the names of the Rev.Chas.E.Richmond, of Albany, the Rev. George E. Gillespie, of Coates ville, Pa., and I hear very good things regarding a young man, named Morri l--the Rev.Guy L.Morrill of Moosic, Pa.

I hope that you may be guided to just the right man.

Very cordially yours,

September 30th, 1907.

Prof. [illegible] S. [illegible],
[illegible] University,
[illegible], Penna.

Dear Sir --

Your kind note of September 26th is received.

I shall be very glad to speak at Trinity University on the afternoon of October 18th, if no appointment has been made for me for that afternoon in connection with the Synods. I do not think that any has, the local committee will doubtless know, and if they say that I am free for that afternoon, it will be a real pleasure to accept your invitation.

Very sincerely yours,

[illegible]

Mr. W. R. Moody,

East Northfield, Mass.

My dear Will:

I am very sorry to have to say that I leave on Monday [illegible] for Texas, and shall not be back for several weeks, so that it will not be possible for me to be present at the meeting of the Mt. Hermon Trustees on Tuesday. Will you kindly present my excuse?

Very affectionately yours,

[illegible]

[illegible] 1 receipt for $1 [illegible] for Mr. Enders at Etowah

I am forwarding to him.

Expect to be into Monday expecting the object for the

[illegible]

October [illegible], [illegible].

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Dear Sir:

I have not forgotten your kind letter regarding the [illegible] on "Thoughts". I laid it aside, hoping to be able to write the article, but this I have not as yet had time to do. I have to leave on Monday so as gone several weeks. If I can write it on the ship, I shall be glad to do so and to send it back.

Very cordially yours,

October 1th, 1[illegible]

Professor John Meigs,

Pottstown, PA.

My dear Professor:

Will it be as convenient for you to have me come January 26th as January 12th ? January 12th is the date I mentioned, but it would be a convenience to the University of Michigan, where I promised to go for one Sunday in November, if this change could be made and I could go there on January 12th and go to Pottstown on the 26th. Could you telegraph me on Monday morning whether this would be convenient for you ?

Very affectionately yours,

October 7th, 1907.

President Woodrow Wilson,

Princeton, N. J.

My dear President Wilson:

When I was in Princeton, the other day, I called to speak to you about the Bishop of London and the matter regarding which I wrote, and which you received so cordially, but you were out at the time. I have just had a talk with Mr. McBee, who has induced the Bishop to hold one day free during his crowded visit here, for a possible visit to Princeton. My only reason for writing about the matter now, is that you may want to communicate with him. I am leaving to-night for a fortnight's absence.

The Bishop can be reached at any time through Mr. Silas McBee, 47 Lafayette Place, New York City. I hope very much that you may find it possible to confer the degree upon Bishop Ingram while he is here. It will be an added obligation laid upon him to move out into a larger place in the comprehensive Christian movement of our time, and it will be a challenge to him to broader sympathy with the great Christian bodies, among which his own should be a leader toward unity.

Very faithfully yours,

October 7th, 1907.

The Rev. John Harvey Lee,

Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Lee:-

I wish I could write to-day finally regarding the first Sunday in January, and perhaps I ought to do so, as it seems very unlikely that I shall be able to come over for that Sunday. I am willing to leave the matter open until I come back from the Synods, but the prospect of my going is so unlikely that I think it would be very much wiser for you to plan now for someone else.

Very cordially yours,

October 7th, 1907.

The Rev. Chas. G. Ellis,
16 Wurts Street,
Rondout, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Ellis:-

Your note of October 4th was received on Saturday--too late to be of any assistance in providing a preacher for yesterday. We should be very glad to help you with a missionary speaker whenever we have sufficient notice in advance and have any speakers available.

Very sincerely yours,

October 7th, 1907.

The Rev. John T. Paris,
1001 Walnut St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Paris:-

I return herewith the article which you let me read. It is interesting, but I do think that its influence would not be good. It would certainly mislead people as to what it is possible to do and what ought to be done in the matter of the support of missionary work.

I enclose herewith an editorial note, in case you wish to make use of it.

Very cordially yours,

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October 3rd, 1907.

Mr. John C. Lagee,
Dwight Hall,
New Haven, Conn.

My dear John:-

I leave on Monday, October 7th, for the West, and shall not be back until the last week in October, so that I cannot be present at any committee meeting between the 7th and 25th.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated Oct. 2nd.

October 7th, 1907.

President W.H.P. Faunce,
Brown University,
Providence, R.I.

My dear President Faunce:-

Your kind note of October 7th is received. I remember with great pleasure the Vesper Service at which I spoke a year or two ago. I shall be very glad to come back again. Could January 22nd be a satisfactory date?

Very cordially yours,

October 7th, 1907.

The Rev. Minot C. Morgan,

Summit, N. J.

My dear Mr. Morgan:

I have already brought George Gillespie's name to the attention of the Church of the Redeemer in Patterson, and only the other day wrote regarding him to one of the elders of the Church.

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated October 5th.

October 5th, 1907.

Mr. Will J. Green,

45 West Mohawk Street,

Buffalo, New York.

My dear Mr. Green:

I am very sorry to have to say that it will not be possible for me to accept your kind invitation to speak to the Buffalo Association some Sunday this Winter. I have already engagements for all of my Sundays until the middle of June.

Very sincerely yours,

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October 5th, 1907.

Mr. C. G. Trumbull,
1031 Walnut Street,
Philadelphia, PA.

My dear Charlie:

Your good letter of October 2nd is received. We missed you very much at Princeton, though it was good to have Phil there for half the day. I am glad that you are holding December 20th for our day in Summit.

I have not had time to look over the October 5th issue yet, but shall do so with the greatest pleasure.

I do not forget the privilege which you keep open to me to contribute to the Editorial Column, and shall hope to be able, on a long trip on which I start on Monday to Texas, to do some writing on the trains.

I found the enclosed among some of the last pictures sent out by "The Times." The English seemed to me so curious that I looked up the book to find whether I had written it, and found that the word "so" was omitted before the word "revolt," and that the semi-colon should be cut out. It is a small matter, and of the sort that it would be hardly worth while recalling if it could be done, but the English in the second sentence was so bad, as printed, that I wanted to clear myself of the feeling of shame that it gave me.

Just this minute your two good letters of October 4th have come. I will read over the article you sent, and return it as soon as possible with my judgment.

I shall be glad to go on with the Young People's Column for the first six months of 1908. I think Miss Breck's suggestion is a good one.

Mr. C. G. Trumbull - 2.

I shall try to act on it more. It is hard work condensing illustrations, though, and good ones are so valuable that one is slow to use too many at one time.

Ever affectionately yours,

October 7th, 1907.

The Rev. William O. Campbell, D. D.,

Sewickley, Pa.

My dear Dr. Campbell:

Your very kind letter of the 2nd inst. is received. I would gladly accept your invitation, but I have already engagements for all of my Sundays until the middle of June. I have already had to decline several cordial invitations to Pittsburg, which I would gladly accept if it were possible. If at any time in the future, the way is open so that I can come to Sewickley, I shall be happy to do so.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated October 5th.

October 7th, 1911.

Mr. William H. F. Johnson,

Manhattan Avenue,

Englewood, N. J.

My dear Mr. Johnson:

I understand from Mr. Keller that Mr. Brothers has been talking with you over phone, and that arrangements are likely to be made. I only write to say that if any help would be useful to you in the way of meeting traveling expenses, or otherwise, I should be very glad to send it if you will let me know. I shall be away for a fortnight, but the matter will be looked after in my office while I am gone, or I should be glad to take it up when I get back.

I trust that it may not be long before you are entirely over your present trouble, and either here or elsewhere can take up work again.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated October 7th.

[illegible] 8th, 1901.

[illegible] Mary H. Johnston,

[illegible]

Englewood, N. J.

[illegible] Johnston:

I received, some time ago, your letter of the 14th regarding [illegible] H. W. Longfellow. Dr. Butler and Mr. Prentiss have also been [illegible] has been, and I think that arrangements have been made, or [illegible] made. [illegible] I have written, offering to do anything necessary [illegible] expenses of the trip.

Thanking you very much for your letter, calling attention to this [illegible] I am

Very [illegible] yours,

[illegible]

[illegible] October 7th.

October 7th, 1907.

Principal John C. Sharpe,

Blairstown, N. J.

My dear Principal Sharpe:

Your kind note of September 27th was duly received. I cannot say now whether it will be possible for me to come over for the fourth Thursday in January or not. I have a tentative engagement for that day which I am afraid will prevent, but I shall try to let you know [illegible] I can come. If I do not write in time, will you kindly remind me of the matter ?

Very cordially yours,

Dictated October 5th.

October 6th, 1897.

Mr. D. L. Pierson,

East Northfield, Mass.

My Dear Del,

I do not know anything about the Foster School, but I think the Rev. H. G. Buehler, of Lakeville, Conn., would know about it, and I would trust his judgment.

I should think Mrs. Cochran would be very efficient in City Mission Settlement work in Philadelphia. I might be mistaken in the matter, but I think I should have no hesitation in trying. She is a devoted woman with earnest spirit and valuable missionary experience.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated Oct. 2nd.

October 9th, 1907.

Mrs. Virginia Hayler,

Tenafly, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Hayler:

It is a real pleasure to enclose, herewith, a copy of the little poem on "God's Anvil," which I promised to send you.

I hope that you left Wash happy at Pottstown, and I do hope that Connor may entirely regain his strength this Winter at home.

We had some good fish this morning, which the children tell me had come from you.

With kind regards to Connor and yourself, I am

Yours.

Your sincere friend.

Dictated October 8th.

Enclosure.

October 5th, 1907.

Mr. Will R. Moody,

East Northfield, Mass.

My dear Will:

If that English friend of yours thinks of printing that address at Northfield on "The Value of Hardness," I wish you would be sure that I had an opportunity to revise it before it is sent to him. If you really think he would want it, and would send me two copies of "The Record" containing it, I could have the article cut out and pasted on sheets, with sufficient margin for corrections.

Very affectionately yours,

Dictated October 7th.

[illegible], 1877.

The Rev. F. L. Janeway,

Hanover, N. H.

My dear Mr. Janeway:

Your good notes of September 13th and October 1st were received. I am very sorry to hear of Professor Young's grief, but am glad that his daughter is released from her suffering here.

I am sorry it will not be possible for me to get up to Dartmouth this year. I would gladly come if I could, but my time is more than full. Every Sunday is engaged until the middle of June.

I am sorry I shan't be here when you come down to the Patterson Church, as I leave to-night for a fortnight's trip among the lynchs in the Southwest.

Very cordially yours,

[illegible]

Dictated October 7th.

October [illegible], 19[illegible]

Mr. William C. [illegible],

Cor[illegible] National [illegible] Bank,

[illegible] Building, [illegible]

Dear Mr. [illegible]

Your very kind note of September 26th has been received. I am sorry to have to say that it will not be possible for me to come out to Roswell for the week ending December 14th. I might arrange to come for Friday, December 20th, if that could be satisfactory. I cannot tell definitely now, but if you will let me know whether that will be a satisfactory evening, I may be able to send you definite word on my return from the Southwest at the end of this month.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated October 7th.

October [illegible], 190[illegible].

Miss Alice A. Bell,

[illegible] Irvine Avenue,

Sharon, Mercer Co., PA.

My dear Miss Bell:

I am sorry to have to say that I do not expect to be in Pittsburg this month. There have been several cordial invitations, but I have to leave for Texas to-night, and shall not get back East until the end of October, and have found that it will be impossible for me to stop off [illegible].

Very cordially yours,

October [illegible], 1[illegible]

Mr. Ray L. Conkey,

320 Greely Avenue,

Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Conkey:

I am sorry to have to say that it will not be possible for me to accept your kind invitation. My program is already full for my trip this month in the Southwest. If it were possible for me to come to the Local Union Mass Meeting, I should be glad to do so.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated October [illegible]th.

October [illegible]th, [illegible]07.

Mr. John [illegible] Moore,

3 West 29th Street,

New York City.

My dear John:

I have already got November 25th in my engagement book for the convention in Washington, and hope that nothing may prevent my being there at the evening meeting.

Very affectionately yours,

[illegible]ed October [illegible]

October 9th, 1[illegible]

Mr. Edward R. Hills,

1212 Rector Building,

[illegible],

My dear Mr. Hills:

[illegible] I could hope to accept your kind invitation of September 29th. I do not know whether I shall be in Chicago at any time during the Winter that will make it possible for me to speak to the Men's Club, but if I find that I am to be there and can arrange to do so, I shall be very happy to be of any help.

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated [illegible].

October [illegible], 1907.

Mr. Sidney A. Weston,

14 Beacon Street,

Boston, MASS.

My dear Mr. Weston:

I should be very glad to write a short message for the Adult Bible Class Magazine, and shall hope to send it to you within a few weeks.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated
October [illegible].

[illegible], D.C.

[illegible],

Y. M. C. A.,

41st Street and Westminister Avenue,

Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Holmes:

I have to be in St. Louis, Mo. on October 20th, and cannot hope to have the pleasure of accepting your kind invitation for that day.

Very cordially yours,

[illegible] October 7th.

October 9th, 1907.

Mr. Junius E. Beal,

Ann Arbor, Mich.

My dear Mr. Beal:

I have just heard from Pottstown that I can make an exchange there that will enable me to come to Ann Arbor for January 12th.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated October 7th.

October 8th, 1907.

Mr. Horace D. Taft,

Watertown, CONN.

My dear Mr. Taft:

Your kind note of September 28th has been received. I am sorry to have to say that my Sundays have filled up without my being able to arrange to spend one of them at the Taft School. I should have been glad to arrange to come if it had been practicable, but I found that the Sundays were insufficient to cover my regular college appointments and my work in connection with the Board. If, some time, I find that a spare Sunday becomes available, I shall take the liberty to write and ask whether it would be a convenient day for you.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated October 5th.

October 9th, 1907.

The Rev. S. J. McPherson, D. D.,

Lawrenceville, N. J.

My dear Dr. McPherson:

Your kind letter of September 30t has been received. I rejoice to think of you and Mrs. McPherson as back at the School again, and shall look forward with delight to seeing you as soon as it is possible to come down. I had some correspondence with Mr. Swift while you were away, with reference to coming, and we arranged for April 19th [illegible], and I was to come, also, for December 15th, if I did not go to [illegible] to Williams. For two years there have been slips in my annual visits to Williams, one year through a misunderstanding and last year as I had to go to Venice, and I had promised this year to go for December 15th if satisfactory. I was not sure that this would be convenient for them, and in that case, Mr. Swift said it would be a satisfactory day at Lawrenceville. Dr. Hopkins writes, however, accepting this day, so that I fear April 19th will be the day Sunday that I can get down this year. This month I have to go off among the Spanns, and every other month is filled, with the possible exception of a Sunday in November. I shall not know about this for several weeks, however, but if I find that I have a Sunday free that month I shall be glad to let you know, on the chance that it may not have been already otherwise provided for.

With warm regards to Mrs. McPherson and yourself, I am

Very cordially yours,

Dictated October 5th.

October 10th, 1907.

President Henry Hopkins,

Williamstown, MASS.

My dear Dr. Hopkins:

Your kind note of October 1st has been received. I shall look forward, with great pleasure, to spending Sunday, December 15th, at Williams. It will have been nearly three years since I was up last, and I hope that nothing may interfere, as my trip to Mexico last year did, with my coming this year.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated October 5th.

October 9th., 1907.

Miss Jessie Dudley Shackford,

South Hadley, MASS.

My dear Miss Shackford:

Your kind note of October 2nd is received. I shall be very glad indeed to come over to Mount Holyoke on the afternoon of March 1st for a meeting. It would have to be held at an hour that would enable me to get back to Amherst for the evening meeting of the Y. M. C. A., which I think is held at 6.40, though I am not certain of the hour.

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated October 5th.

October 10th, 1907.

The Rev. A. D. F. Gilmour,

Union Theological Seminary,

Richmond, VA.

My dear Mr. Gilmour:

I have not brought down to date the figures used in my address at Toronto. I have the material with which to revise many of them, but it is scattered and it would involve a good deal of labor to compile it. I am sorry, as I would be glad to send it to you if I had it in available form.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated October 5th.

October 11th,1907.

Mr. S. B. Mitchell,
"The Argo",
New Wilmington,Pa.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of October 4th has been received.

In Mr.Speer's absence from the City, I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a copy of "God's Anvil", the poem to which you probably refer.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Mr.Robert E.Speer.

October 11th,1907.

The Rev.John F.Hill,D.D.,
Room 72, Conestoga Bldg.,
Pittsburg, Pa.

My dear Dr. Hill:-

Your letter of October 7th has been received in Mr.Speer's absence on a visit among the Synods of the Southwest.
He does not expect to return until the last week in October, which will probably be too late for the article which you request.

I will, however, bring your letter to his attention as early as possible.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Mr.Robert E.Speer.

October 11th, 1907:

Mr. Edward Tarring, President,
District of Columbia C.E.Union,
730 Bond Bldg., Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Tarring:-

Your letter of October 10th has just been received in Mr. Speer's absence from the City.

I immediately telephoned to Dr.Burrell's home and learned that he has been in the West all summer and is expected to return to-morrow. You will therefore doubtless hear from him now in a few days.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Mr.Robert E.Speer.

October 11th, 1907.

Mrs. Emma Carradine Stuart,
4368 Lindell Boulevard,
St.Louis, Mo.

My dear Mrs. Stuart:-

Your note of October 8th has been received.

Mr. Speer left New York Monday evening for his visit among the Synods. Doubtless he would be glad to accept your kind invitation for the 20th, but I understand that Mr. J. M. Patterson, one of our assistant secretaries, of 1308 Wright Bldg., St.Louis, has arranged for his entertainment while in your city.

I will hand Mr.Speer your letter immediately on his return.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Mr.Robert E.Speer.

October 11th,1907.

The Honorable Joseph Buffington,
The Bellevue-Stratford,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 10th was received this morning.

Mr. Speer left New York on Monday for a trip among the Synods of the Southwest and expected to be away a little over a fortnight. I will hand him your letter immediately on his return, and you will probably hear from him shortly after.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Mr.Robert E.Speer.

October 12th, 1907.

The Rev. John Timothy Stone,
Grace Memorial House,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Stone—

Your good letter came yesterday.

I have felt warm in my heart all this week for having been with you. It was a little taste of what we ought to have had all summer. Next year we must plan things so as to have one full month together, with a good fishing trip every week. That trip up the Bear Branch as far as we can go is a prospect to dream over all winter long.

I enclose a copy of the slip that was in Dr.Lansree's Bible.

I hope that you and Mrs.Stone and the children are all well, and, with warmest love, I am

Ever affectionately yours,

Dictated Oct.2nd.

Enclosure

October 14th, 1907.

The Rev. Robert P. Kerr, D.D.,
1821 St.Paul St.,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Dr. Kerr:-

Your letter of October 12th has been received in Mr. Speer's absence on a visit among the Synods of the Southwest.

He would doubtless be glad to accept your kind invitation for December 8th, but he already has an engagement for that Sunday. I will, however, bring your letter to his attention upon his return, the latter part of this month.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Mr.Robert E.Speer.

October 14th, 1907.

The Rev. Albert Parker Fitch,
Beacon St. & Massachusetts Ave.,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Fitch:-

Your letter of October 12th has been received in Mr.Speer's absence on a visit among the Synods.

He would doubtless be glad to accept your kind invitation for November 17th, but I find that he has already an engagement for that Sunday.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Mr.Robert E.Speer.

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Your [illegible] of October 14th has just been received.

Mr. Speer is absent from the city on a visit among the Synods of the Southwest, otherwise I have no doubt he would be glad to be of service to you.

Very sincerely yours,

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Secretary to [illegible].

October 15th,1907.

Mr. Henry N. Tift,

106 West 27th Street, New York City.

My dear Mr. Tift:-

I am sorry to have to say that I shall be on my way to Texas next Tuesday, and cannot attend the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Juvenile Asylum. Will you kindly present my excuse?

Very cordially yours,

Robert S. Lee

Dictated Oct.2nd.

October 15th, 1907.

Professor John Meigs,

Pottstown, Pa.

My dear Professor:-

I am completing my schedule for the year, and would like to verify the Pottstown appointments.

The dates I have down on my engagement calendar are October 27th, November 24th, December 8th, January 12th, February 25rd, March 22nd, April 12th, and May 10th, with the June matter left open.

Is this list correct?

Mrs. John promised me she would use her influence with you to induce you sometime, when you were over here and needing a bit of rest, to run out to Englewood. I hope you will be sure to come sometime.

It was so good to see you back in the school.

Very affectionately yours,

Robert E. Speer

Dictated Oct.2nd.